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Spain pushes for bigger World Club Championship

SPAIN'S Football Federation (RFEF) are proposing a further expansion of the World Club Championship to allow three Spanish teams, and 16 in all, to enter the competition.

Under current plans, the second edition of the competition, due to feature 12 teams, will be held in Spain next year from July 29 to August 12 at a venue to be decided.

Real Madrid, as current European champions, are assured of a place and the second Spanish representatives are expected to be league title winners Deportivo Coruna.

However, the RFEF have told FIFA they now want a total of 16 teams in the competition -- a move that would free up space for another Spanish team, which would almost certainly be Barcelona.

The RFEF have confirmed that they have already put the idea to FIFA and are awaiting a response.

A January 31 deadline has been agreed for a final decision.

The Oceania stage of the qualifying series will be held in Papua in January.

Australian champions Wollongong Wolves will play in a group which includes New Zealand semi pro side Napier City.

Already Wolves coach Ron Corry has started to add some depth to his squad which was depleted by the transfer of several top name players since last season's Grand Final win against Perth Glory.

Corry is expected to sign a number of players over the next four weeks with several imports having already trialed at the south coast club.

Brazil hits back

BRAZILIANS hit out at Sepp Blatter after the FIFA president threatened in a magazine interview to kick the country out of the 2002 World Cup.

Blatter was accused of getting hold of the wrong end of the stick when he warned last weekend that Congressional inquiries into the state of Brazilian soccer broke FIFA rules and could lead to an international ban.

Brazilians suggested instead that the FIFA president should welcome efforts to clean up the country's so-called 'national passion.'

Congress has started two inquiries.

One in the lower house is looking into the relationship between the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) and sportswear giants Nike, who sponsor the national team.

Another inquiry in the Senate is focusing on club finances, the dealings of agents and suspected tax evasion.

'I think the problem is that he (Blatter) was informed either badly, superficially or partially about the situation,' said Congressman Aldo Rebelo, president of the lower house inquiry.

'We will carry on with the investigations into what happens off the field.'

'I'm sure FIFA would not agree to the idea that people involved in football are evading taxes,' said Rebelo.

The inquiries, largely welcomed by the Brazilian public, have started against a backdrop of popular anger with the administration of the Brazilian game which is in a state of utter chaos.

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Australian Schoolboys squad announced

THE Australian Schools Soccer squad for the upcoming South Pacific tour to New Caledonia and Vanuatu has been announced in Canberra.

Players and officials arrive in Sydney on Tuesday 21 November for two days of preparation before flying out to New Caledonia on Thursday 23 November where it will play two internationals against that country's Under 20 and Senior teams.

The team will depart New Caledonia for Vanuatu on Monday 27 November for a scheduled three matches against the Vanuatu U20 team.

The "A" team concept started in 1999 and provides an additional opportunity for players to represent their country and obtain valuable experience by undertaking overseas tours.

Players:
1 Babak Ghotb, Goalkeeper (Norwood Secondary College, Vic) 2 Amied Shadmaan, Defender (Lake Ginninderra College, ACT) 3 Michael Arena, Defender (Fairfield Patrician Brothers, NSW) 4 Shane Groen, Defender (Glendale High, NSW) 5 Ivan Klarica, Defender (Wellington Senior College, Vic) 6 Simon Bernadino, Midfielder (Loughlin Catholic College, SA) 7 Chris Scuderi Midfielder (Ayr SHS, Qld) 8 Brett Kitching Midfielder (Kepnock SHS, Qld) 9 Brendan Lewandowski Striker (Marist College, Ashgrove, Qld) 10 Rhys Graham Midfielder (Trinity College, WA) 11 Farren Fleiter Striker (Kwana Waters SHS, Qld) 12 Felipe Alves Midfielder (Mt Carmel College, SA) 14 Simon Mitchell Striker (The Heights School, SA) 15 Danny Agnello Midfielder (Daramalan Colege, ACT) 16 Robert Cibesku Midfielder (Morley SHS, WA) 18 David Scarsella Goalkeeper (Eynesbury College, SA)
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NSW/ACT clubs facing NSL axe

LAST week Soccer Australia sent the all-important criteria document to all 16 NSL clubs outlining the required commitments for inclusion in next season's league.

Soccer Australia's reform process is outlined in the documents with every indication that it will prune the competition to 12 clubs by next season as was stated by Basil Scarsella at the season launch in October.

The criteria has been drawn up in conjunction with financial services group Ernst and Young.

The focus is clearly on financial ability, something which has been neglected in previous seasons.

Already this season there are signs that one NSL club is in serious financial difficulty.

The focus is also on the geographical spread that Soccer Australia wants to maintain to see the game spread throughout Australia.

Four clubs are under threat of the axe, with the likelihood that they will all come from Victoria and New South Wales/ACT.

Soccer Australia has indicated that New Zealand's Football Kingz are a certainty, providing they meet the financial criteria.

It would seem that Brisbane Strikers, Adelaide City Force and Perth Glory are all near-certainties to be included.

Clubs have been told they will have to generate at least $1.5million from their soccer operations in 2000/01, rising to $3million by 2004/05.

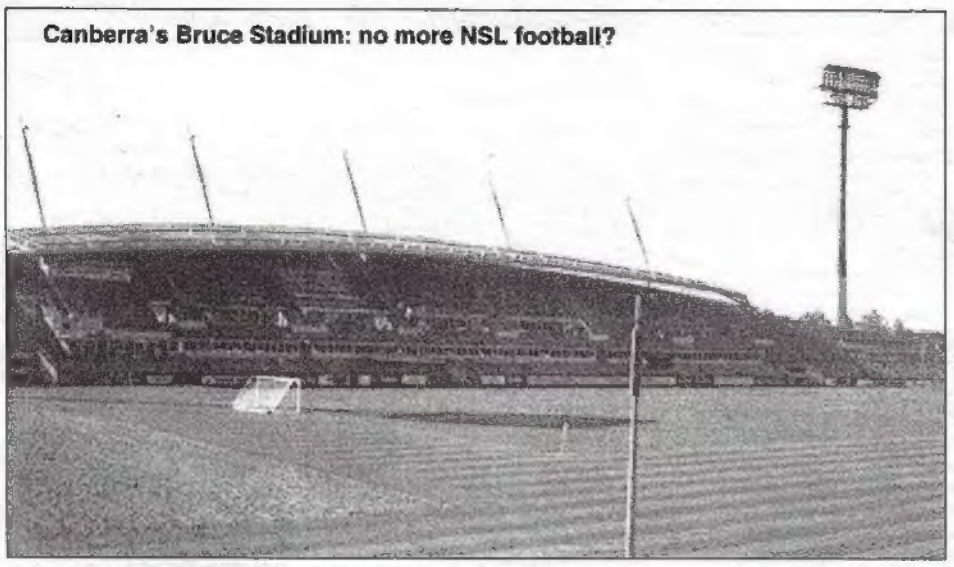
Of that $3million, $1.5million is expected to come from sponsorship revenues.

All clubs have until December 29 to apply for a position in the new league set-up.

The will be advised of the status of their bids by February 23, giving them time to mount re-submissions before the final format is announced at the end of the league season.

Already speculation is mounting that one Sydney club and two Victorian clubs are facing the axe, as well as one regional club.

Soccer Australia has said that a maximum of eight clubs from NSW and Victoria will participate in the new structure.



Canberra's Bruce Stadium: no more NSL football?

"A Pandora's Box will open and the history of what's happened over the last four years will become public knowledge," he said last weekend as the news leaked to the media.

With three clubs sharing Sydney's western suburbs it seems likely that one of them is also under fire.

Officials from all 16 clubs were due to meet Soccer Australia as *SuperSoccer* went to press.

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Should the NSL have 12, 14 or 16 clubs?
Who faces the axe?
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Melbourne side Carlton have been plagued by financial troubles despite outstanding on-field success and their future in the league is now in serious doubt.

Likewise tiny Eastern Pride, which has switched names twice in an attempt to become a viable force, is also a favourite for the chop.

But Pride CEO Peter Quirk, has said that SA is in danger of legal action should his club be excluded.

The vast resources of the city's south east could be a lifeline for one club and it is rumoured that at least two current clubs have had talks with Premier League side Sutherland Sharks.

Super League side Macarthur Rams have also had ongoing discussions with Sydney United.

It is likely that the club which takes the initiative by merging with a strong junior district side will survive the NSL's axe.

Canberra Cosmos also appear to have little chance of finishing ahead of its regional rivals in the criteria and there only chance would be if granted special status.

COVER PICTURE

BELECONNEN striker Steve Lazzari who has now scored four goals in two games.

JOEYS SQUAD

NATIONAL Youth Coach Ange Postecoglou has named a squad of 20 players, in preparation for the Under-17 World Youth Championship Qualifiers, to be held in Samoa, next month.

The Joeys Squad will participate in a training camp at the AIS in Canberra from November 19, before heading to Samoa on November 27, with the draw for the Qualifiers to be announced by Oceania shortly.

The 20 man Joeys Squad is:
Goalkeepers: COE Nathan - QAS (Queensland) REX Jacob - Northern Spirit (NSW)
Defenders: BOJIC Predrag - Parramatta Power (NSW) HUNTER Matthew - Northern Spirit (NSW) MADIGAN Rodney - Marconi Colts (NSW) WILKINSON Alex - Northern Spirit (NSW)
Midfielders: AGIUS Frederick - SASI (South Australia) BAVEAS Steven - NSWIS (NSW) BROWN Michael - Parramatta Power (NSW) DANZE Anthony - Perth Glory (Western Australia) KARLOVIC Mario - Adelaide City (South Australia) MURDOCCA Massimo - South Melbourne (Victoria) STEVENS Ben - QAS (Queensland) VALERI Carl - AIS (ACT) WALLER Russell - SASI (South Australia)
Strikers: ENGELE Matthew - Northern Spirit (NSW) HOLMAN Brett - Parramatta Power (NSW) LUCAS Jay - Wollongong Wolves (NSW) (pictured) SMITH Terry - AIS (South Australia) WALSH Sean - QAS (Queensland).

Australia has been drawn in Group 1, with Match Dates set down for December 2, 4, 6, 8 & 11.

Group 1 comprises: Australia, Solomon Islands, Samoa, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea and American Samoa.

Group 2 (to be played March 2001) comprises: New Zealand, Vanuatu, Tonga, Tahiti, Cook Islands and Fiji.

The two groups will play Round Robin formats, with the winner of Group 1 playing the winner of Group 2 home and away to decide the OFC Under-17 Champion.

The victor of that play-off will then represent OFC at the 2001 FIFA World Under 17 Championship in Trinidad and Tobago, by direct entry.

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St George v Parramatta Eagles — ST GEORGE STADIUM

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Under 19s: 5.00pm First Grade: 7.00pm
Central Coast v Leichhardt Tigers — NORTH POWER STADIUM
Bonnyrigg v Canterbury — SERBIAN CENTRE
Penrith Panthers v Sutherland — ANDREWS ROAD PARK
Under 19s: 4.30pm First Grade: 6.30pm
Belconnen v Blacktown City — WEST BELCONNEN SPORTS

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Lights out at Lambert but Iocca slams four

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 2 REVIEW

Leichhardt Tigers 0
St George Saints 1
(Match Abandoned one minute into the second half due to floodlight failure).

CONDITIONS were perfect to kick-off Lambert Park's first Premier League contest, its first under the newly installed floodlights.

The pitch looked fabulous and there was a warmth to the evening air which suggested summer was close at hand. Immediately after the first whistle, Verrender and LaRocca clashed heavily as both threw themselves into a tackle, to set the scene for what promised to be an enthralling encounter between two teams committed to getting a result.

Unfortunately that promise was dashed shortly after half time, when the failure of the newly installed floodlights left referee Boyd McGregor with no option but to abandon the match.

It was to complete a night of wretched luck for the Tigers, who dominated the Saints for long periods during the first half, only to go to the break a goal down from a brilliant individual effort from Bill Petrovksi.

The first quarter hour could have seen Leichhardt score three, with Alogdellis saving from Borg, and then shutting out Karavatakis twice in succession, the second from a poorly taken spot kick from the Tigers skipper.

Meanwhile, Saints defender Angelo Petratos reminded us that he has played up front once or twice, shaving the crossbar with a screamer of a 30 yard volley.

The Tigers were in control of the game, organising well to deny the skilful Saints midfielders time and space, and tackling ferociously to regain possession.

However, as is so often the case, the failure to convert dominance on the park into goals would be severely punished.

St George are a very accomplished outfit this term, and looked dangerous when presented with half a chance.

Invariably it was Saints midfielder George Maglis who threatened to do most damage.

Firstly, he found his way through the Tigers defence to be denied by a smart save at his feet by Anastasiadis; then he capitalised on a soft turnover from Macolino and seemed to have a clear run to goal when Richard Luksic came from nowhere to put on a timely tackle.

So it was not without surprise when the Saints scored the only goal of the game on the stroke of half time.

Maglis again intercepted a poor pass from Joe Bruni, and quickly played to Bill Petrovksi on his left.

Looking well covered by a wall of Tigers defenders, Petrovski was undeterred, somehow evading the attention of all, to squeeze through three and execute a class finish past the advancing Leichhardt custodian.

The second half shaped up to be a cracker, but a disappointed crowd saw just a minute before the failure of the floodlights ended the contest.

Parramatta Eagles 1
Blacktown City Demons 4

FORMER Marconi striker Darren Iocca showed what he has always been capable of with all four goals, including a second half hat-trick inside ten minutes, to ensure Blacktown City returned from Melita Stadium with maximum points on Friday night.

A slimmed-down Iocca showed all his old brilliance and flair to score some beautiful goals, with opponents Parramatta Eagles getting their only goal in the 4-1 defeat, in stoppage time, from Danial Cummins.

Iocca's first came after a diagonal ball from Peter Sermanni reached Robbie Angievski on the left and the former Fairfield striker finished the resultant cross off with a deft touch at the far post.

Iocca chipped the keeper from wide on the left for the second, took a free header for the third and capped a fine performance with a blasted shot from outside the box after a partial clearance from the Parramatta defence.

The Eagles managed a consolation goal in stoppage time from their most enterprising player, Danial Cummins.

Bonnyrigg 5
Penrith 1

BONNYRIGG marked the Serbian Centre's unveiling of its new grandstand and scoreboard with a comfortable 5-1 victory over Penrith, despite conceding the opening goal of the match to Osvaldo Eli Ali in the 2nd minute.

A rusty-looking Bonnyrigg did not equalise until the 38th minute when former Adelaide City midfielder Michael Hawrysiuk shot through penalty-box traffic to score.

Robbie Gomez gave the White Eagles the lead as halftime neared when he jumped to place the ball over Penrith goalkeeper Ivan Necevski.

Following the break, Bonnyrigg played with the ruthlessness that State League fans are accustomed to seeing.

Gomez scored his second of the night in the 62nd minute with a turning shot inside the box and in the 78th minute Hawrysiuk also grabbed his second goal of the match with a scorching free-kick taken from the box's edge.

Buoyed by chanting from the Avala Grandstand, White Eagles skipper Javier Mancino completed the scoring with a curling shot from 10 metres out following strong work from Colin Luff.

Bonnyrigg still have Johnny Ghisso to return to the side following his honeymoon and top scorer from Super League 2000, Colin Luff, has yet to hit his straps following off-season trials with Sydney Olympic.

The Panthers on the other hand have conceded 9 goals in two games but can take solace from the fact that there are easier games ahead than Belconnen and Bonnyrigg.

Belconnen Blue Devils 2
Sutherland Sharks 0

BELCONNEN Blue Devils continued their impressive start to the NSW Premier League when they defeated Sutherland Sharks 2-0 at a very wet West Belconnen Sports club on Saturday night.

Played in constant rain Belconnen adapted quickly and dominated from the outset providing the small but enthusiastic home crowd of 330 an entertaining but physical match.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring in the 20th minute when Steve Lazzari capitalised on a misjudged back pass by Sutherlands Alen Stajcic and calmly slid his shot pass the Sharks stranded keeper to score.

In the 45th minute Belconnen doubled their advantage when Geoff Howarth raced down the left wing before beating two defenders and passing to Lazzari who slammed home his second for the match.

Canterbury 1
Central Coast 0

WHAT a difference a week makes; the Coasties had come off a great 2-1 win over Premiership favourites Bonnyrigg and Canterbury had been beaten by St George after leading for most of the match.

But in this game Canterbury gave their visitors a football lesson and but for some great goalkeeping by Darren Moore the Berries ould have had four or five, especially in the

NSW Premier League

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 2
Friday 10 November
Leichhardt 0 St George 1*
* match abandoned second half due to flood light failure
Parramatta 1 Blacktown City 4
Saturday 11 November
Belconnen 2 Sutherland 0
Bonnyrigg 5 Penrith 1
Canterbury Marrickville 1 Central Coast 0

LEADING SCORERS
5 Darren Iocca Blacktown
4 Steve Lazzari Belconnen
2 Robbie Gomez Bonnyrigg
2 Michael Hawrysiuk Bonnyrigg

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Belconnen	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
2	Blacktown City	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
3	Bonnyrigg	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
4	St George	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
5	Canterbury Marrickville	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
6	Central Coast	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
7	Sutherland	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
8	Parramatta Eagles	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
9	Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	Penrith	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 3
Friday 17 November
St George Saints v Parramatta Eagles
Saturday 18 November
Central Coast v Leichhardt Tigers
Bonnyrigg White Eagles v Canterbury Marrickville
Belconnen Blue Devils v Blacktown City Demons
Penrith Panthers v Sutherland Sharks

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first half.

The Coasties had no answer to the speed and individual skills of the Canterbury players and were so far out of the game that Canterbury goalie Bello Damigo did not touch the ball until the 20th minute of this match.

Strikers Nikas and Corbo were playing havoc up front and the Canterbury midfield were having a field day against their non-existent opponents.

It was really no surprise when Corbo opened the scoring with an easy goal after a great move had the Coasties defence non plussed.

How the scoreline read only 1-0 at half time was miraculous.

To the Coasties credit they improved in the second half—one suspects coach Dale Eggleton had expressed his feelings in no uncertain terms during the break.

Northam replaced youngster Leary and a bit more mobility came into the Coasties midfield.

Surprisingly Canterbury substituted Corbo for Christoforides, but he continued in the same vein and he and Nikas kept giving the Coasties defence curry but Moore continued to frustrate with some brave saves at the feet of his opponents.

Coasties replaced Byrn with the young and aggressive Smith and a bit of life came into their attack.

For about twenty minutes or so the Berries got a bit of their own medicine and remarkably Smith, Knight and Ritchie had shots that could have been the equaliser—or even the winner—when all three grazed past the post or crossbar.

The Coasties suddenly woke up that Mick Williams had been playing (standing) out wide on the right for most of the match waiting for the ball and started to put some passes his way which also put pressure on the berries defence but it was too late.

The referee finally blew his whistle for the last time and both teams left the field shocked—Canterbury for how they only scored one and the Coasties for the same reason—how Canterbury only scored one.

On this performance Canterbury will be a force to be reckoned with and surely Coasties can't play as badly again.

Ray Sandell

AND NOW ... IT'S E-SOCCER

THE New South Wales Soccer Federation has spent the relatively short off-season since the winter season ended in August improving and expanding its comprehensive web site at www.soccernsw.com.au.

The site is consistently amongst the most visited dedicated soccer sites in Australia and was rated as a 'Top 10 Cool Site' by Netscape earlier this year.

The features in the new-look site include a search facility to 'find a club'; an online webstore; online forms for clubs, individuals and referees; and information for coaches, referees and even those doing school projects on soccer.

The site also offers free web-based e-mail with a soccernsw.com address and the very latest in WAP technology.

Included as part of the re-development are separate sites for the NSW Premier League competition at www.nswpremierleague.com and the NSW Sapphires women's national league team at www.nswsapphires.com.

The site was designed by Chris Beattie, with the database development by Bennett Oprysa of Web City.

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THE NSW PREMIER LEAGUE

Belconnen Blue Devils
Founded: 1970
Coach: Lino Fiorese
Home Ground: West Belconnen Sports Ground, Holt
Home Strip: Sky Blue, Navy Blue & White
Alternate Strip: Navy blue shirts, white shorts, sky blue socks.

Blacktown City Demons
Founded: 1953
Coach: Brian Brown
Home Ground: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Avenue, Seven Hills
Home Strip Shirt: Red & white stipe with black trim, Shorts: Black, Socks: Black with white trim
Alternate Strip Shirt: White with red & black trim
Shorts: Black, Socks: Black with white trim

Bonnyrigg White Eagles
Founded: 1968
Coach: Doug Utjesenovic
Home Ground: Serbian Centre, Simpson Rd, Bonnyrigg
Home Strip: Shirts red and blue; Shorts blue; Socks white
Alternate Strip: white and blue

Canterbury Marrickville Berries
Founded: 1889
Coach: Jimmy Patikas
Home Ground: Henson Park, Sydenham Rd, Marrickville
Home Strip: gold with blue trim
Alternate Strip: White, blue and gold

Central Coast Coasties
Founded: 1982
Coach: Dale Eggleton
Home Ground: Pluim Park, Tuggerah St, Lisarow
Home Strip: Shirt red/blue with white trim; Shorts blue; Socks blue with white trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt white with red/blue trim; Shorts blue; Socks blue with white trim

Leichhardt Tigers
Founded: 1954
Coach: Les DeCelis
Home Ground: Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt
Home Strip: Shirt maroon with sky blue trim: Shorts Maroon with sky blue trim: Socks Maroon with sky blue trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt white with maroon & sky blue trim; Shorts white with maroon & sky blue trim; Socks white with maroon & sky blue trim

Parramatta Eagles
Founded: 1956
Coach: Tam Finlayson
Home Ground: Melita Stadium, Everley Rd, Chester Hill
Home Strip: shirt white with red tril; Shorts white with red tril; Socks white with red tril
Alternate Strip: Shirt red with white trim; Shorts red with white trim; Socks red with white trim

Penrith Panthers
Founded: 1990
Coach: Stan Ackerley
Home Ground: Andrews Road Field, Andrews Road, Penrith
Home Strip: Shirt white with black, green, yellow & red trim; Shorts black with white trim; Socks black with white, green, yellow & red trim
Alternate Strip: shirt white, black & red vertical stripes on sleeves; Shorts white with red trim; Socks white with red trim

St George Saints
Founded: 1924
Coach: John Sentas
Home Ground: St George Stadium, Barton Park, Rockdale
Home Strip: Shorts red with white trim; Socks green with red trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt white with red trim; Shorts white with red trim; Socks green with red trim

Sutherland Sharks
Founded: 1936
Coach: Billy McColl
Home Ground: Seymour Shaw Park, The Boulevarde, Miranda
Home Strip: Shirt sky blue & white; Shorts sky blue with white trim; Socks sky blue with white trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt yellow with blue trim; Shorts sky blue with white trim; Socks sky blue with white trim

FOOTBALL PATROL ..... FOOTBALL PATROL ..... FOOTBALL PATROL ..... FOOTBALL PA-

BEN BURGESS'S hat trick against Auckland was the first hat trick by a Northern Spirit player.

DARREN IOCCA'S double hat-trick (that's four goals) for Blacktown against Parramatta set a new scoring mark after only two rounds of the Premier League.

PARRAMATTA Eagles have signed former Manly Warringah forward, MARK BELDHAM.

JIMMY ASCHNER had a groin operation in the off-season.

The Blacktown striker is now getting near to a first team run.

PAUL BILOKAPIC played his 150th NSL match on Saturday night for Northern Spirit.

MARCONI players Kris Trajanovski, Pan Keun Kim & James Afkos are back in training.

ADELAIDE City Force's CARL VEART played his 200th NSL game against the Kingz FC at Ericsson Stadium on Friday.

Cosmos striker MARK HAGGER missed last Saturday's match against Parramatta.

Hagger injured his knee at training in a collision with Barry Guildford.

His screw-in studs held fast on the slippery ground, when slippage would have helped.

The slight twist has been diagnosed as a grade 1 medial ligament strain.

His treatment for the next two weeks will consist of regular ultrasound and laser treatments as well as bike riding.

Hagger was in the stands at Melita Stadium on Friday night to catch up on the Premier League.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC injury list includes Lindsay Wilson (hamstring - 1 week), Scott Ballie (quad - 1 week), Kresimir Marusic (hip - 1 week), Troy Halpin (virus - 1 week) and Peter Zorbas (thigh - 2 weeks).

SYDNEY United star ZLATKO ARAMABASIC will be out another two weeks with a hamstring injury.

LAST Friday's 4-1 win against Parramatta Eagles was the first ever win for Blacktown City coach Brian Brown.

MARCONI'S VLADO ZORIC should be back in action this week while MIKE SMITH (pictured) is still another three weeks away due to a groin strain.

OTHER NSL injuries include;
ALVIN CECCOLI (Wollongong) shin - 3 weeks;
ANDY HARPER (Newcastle) toe - 2 weeks, DAMIAN SMITH (Newcastle) groin - 8 weeks.

NOEL SPENCER is still on the sick list at Northern Spirit and will be out for another week or two with a leg injury.

BRANKO CULINA will coach his 200th NSL match at Belmore last weekend.

Culina's NSL coaching career started at the Melbourne Knights in 1992-93, followed by stints at Sydney United (1994-1997), Canberra Cosmos (1997-98) and Olympic since the 1998-99 season.

After winning Coach of the Year for the 1996-97 NSL season, Culina will become just the eleventh coach in the history of the league to reach the 200 game milestone.

His personal record stood at 199 games, wins 92, draws 48 and losses 59 before the weekend milestone.

A HAT-TRICK scored in twelve minutes by the Northern Spirit's BEN BURGESS, was one of the quickest hat-tricks ever recorded in the twenty-five year history of the NSL.

The fastest time any player has scored three goals in an NSL match is five minutes, by Sydney United's ZELJKO JURIN in 1985.

The effort by Burgess against the Kingz, became the eleventh fastest hat-trick in the history of the NSL.

ALL-WHITE midfielder, Mark Burton is still awaiting a clearance from Germany before debuting with Kingz.

PARRAMATTA Power imports JOE MILLER and DAVID LEE are enjoying life at Sydney's magnificent Balmoral Beach where they have rented a beach side apartment.

THE best club stats in the Premier League?—how about DON O'REGAN'S.

The Blacktown man has an encyclopaedic knowledge of his club and has stats on every aspect right back to the side's foundation in the '50s.

BELCONNEN Blue Devils have appointed former *Inside Soccer* writer NBICK GUOTH as their press officer.

Already he has produced a media guide and regularly updates the media on his club's activities.

MARCONI'S MIKE SMITH: still injured

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NSW youth development impresses Postecoglou

IN LINE with Australia's other national soccer teams, New South Wales has provided a significant number of the players named in coach Ange Postecoglou's squad—with over 50% of the Joeys of 2000 calling New South Wales home.

The New South Wales players selected to represent Australia are: Jacob Rex (Goalkeeper) Predrag Bojic (Defender) Matthew Hunter (Defender) Rodney Madigan (Defender) Alex Wilkinson (Defender) Steven Baveas (Midfielder) Micheal Brown (Midfielder) Matthew Engele (Striker) Brett Holman (Striker) and Jay Lucas (Striker).

The elite player pathway developed by the New South Wales Soccer Federation's Coaching Department involves: the Intensive Training Centre (ITC), a high performance program run by the New South Wales Soccer Federation (NSWSF) in conjunction with the New South Wales Institute of Sport; the talent identification program run by the NSWSF; representing NSW in the annual National Talent Identification Championships; the Pepsi Super Youth League, Australia's elite club-based youth competition and the flagship of the NSWSF's youth competitions.

One example is striker Matthew Engele.

This year alone, Matthew has been involved in the NSW Under-16 side in the National Talent Identification Championships, NSW Schoolboys championships, the Super Youth League Under-16 Grand Final with Blacktown City and the NSWIS in the National Youth League (NYL).

This season Matthew has hit top form early with 3 goals in 4 games for Northern Spirit's NYL team and is over the moon with his international selection.

"I'm very pleased with my selection because there were times when I wasn't sure what was going to happen," he said.

"My next aim is to keep the goals coming and earn a place in the Joeys starting XI.

"I believe that my time with Blacktown City in the Pepsi Super Youth League helped me improve as a player whereas the NYL experience with NSWIS taught me how to play against bigger, faster, tougher opposition.

"And, representing NSW, I guess, is a reward for performing well for Blacktown City and NSWIS."

Coach, Ange Postecoglou, said he expects the New South Wales contingent to combine well and combine quickly as all are former team-mates in either the Pepsi Super Youth League, NSWIS, or various NSW State teams.

"I'm impressed with what I have seen of the youth systems right around Australia," said Postecoglou, "but the system in New South Wales is particularly impressive as it continues to identify and develop talented players through every age level."

The NSW Soccer Federation's elite development program is assisted by American Express through the NSW Soccer American Express Soccer card.

For further information on how to obtain a card and help talented young soccer players every time you spend, visit www.soccernsw.com.au or call the Federation on 9629 1800.

STRIP CONFUSION

CANBERRA COSMOS have reacted to media reports about clashing strips in a recent match against Melbourne Knights.

In a statement from its Deakin offices the club has said: "The strip "colour clash" in our game against Melbourne Knights has led to some highly inaccurate media reports.

"The facts are these: We were the home team against the Knights.

"The NSL and its referees assign strip colours, not us.

"We never registered a red away strip with the NSL.

"We registered a black away strip.

"The NSL therefore can't have "banned" a red away strip.

"Our all-black strip is a highly specialised product, and the lead time is consequently longer.

"We assessed that we would have it in time when it would be needed for the first team.

"We have consulted with the referees at all times.

"Both our black strip and our goalkeeping strip are now acceptable to them.

"The referees did have some problems with our black goalkeeping strip initially.

"This was because the NSL's referees gear sponsor didn't supply a change colour for the referees in time for the start of the season.

"Our black strip will rock the NSL.

"It's a striking look.

"Now that the news is "out on the street", anticipation will build for our new strip's first outing."

EDITORIAL

SOME say that the game hasn't made significant strides in recent years; that football in Australia is dragging its heels.

Justification for remarks like that are the much-publicised ills of the game, in particular the lack of commercial TV coverage.

I certainly don't think that there is any room for complacency, I believe that there is still a lot to be done and I also think that there are some very real issues which the game's administration, at all levels, have failed to come to terms with.

But I can also draw on some own real life situations as a player and a journalist to paint a more reflective picture.

When I played in the National Youth Championships in 1968 there were no representatives of any clubs at those matches, never mind the hundred or so scouts and NSL coaches who were at the last ones in Sydney.

When I played for NSW Under 16s at Garside Park there was only the lads on the side lines and a few parents.

Nowadays junior grounds have become regular haunts for 'interested' persons.

Likewise when I started in soccer journalism in 1991; getting hold of a club rep during the day was a near impossibility.

Yet nowadays, at least at NSL club level, and even with some of our Premier League clubs, the administration is full time.

And so it should be.

The standard of journalism is also improving.

It used to be OK to stick anyone on the soccer beat even at a major daily, including those who had never played or had no real interest—in much the same way as it used to be OK to have the 'non-sports' type teacher look after school teams.

That is all changing and many of our top line reporters have a good soccer background, many have played at very high levels.

That can only be good for the game just as it is further evidence that those who sign the cheques realise that the old days of hacks who have never kicked a ball at a serious level is over.

That is where I think the biggest progress of the last ten years has been made—in administration and journalism.

That, in time, will have a flow on effect right throughout the game with some of it happening as I write.

Even the much-maligned Soccer Australia has had a major boost in its infrastructure.

Recently SA media added another full time graduate to its staff making it three in total plus numerous part timers.

It was only a few years ago that the job was a cadet level position with only one inexperienced person on what was a school leaver's salary.

Likewise a stroll through the Parklea HQ of the NSWSF and the NSWASF will surely make anyone aware of just how much goes on in the backrooms.

When these two bodies merge over the next year then there will be even more significant advances made.

But the real difference is at junior level.

The amount of kids playing, the quality of coaching, the amount of serious camps and clinics—they are all evidence of the vast improvement.

Is it enough?

Of course, it isn't.

It is never enough.

For the hard fact of the matter is that this is the cruellest of all games.

Success in soccer is measured by one yardstick only, the World Cup.

Until Australia qualifies for the World Cup again we will not have succeeded—but watch this space when we do, then the game will really take off.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE
ROUND 3
Friday 17 November
St George Saints v Parramatta Eagles
Saturday 18 November
Central Coast v Leichhardt Tigers
Bonnyrigg White Eagles v Canterbury Marrickville
Belconnen Blue Devils v Blacktown City Demons
Penrith Panthers v Sutherland Sharks

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE
ROUND 6
Friday 17 November
Adelaide City Force v Northern Spirit
Newcastle United v Canberra Cosmos
Carlton v Eastern Pride
Saturday 18 November
Perth Glory v Kingz
Marconi Stallions v Sydney Olympic
Sunday 9 November
Parramatta Power v Wollongong Wolves
South Melbourne v Brisbane Strikers
Melbourne Knights v Sydney United

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE
ROUND 6
Friday 17 November
Newcastle United v Canberra Cosmos
Saturday 18 November
AIS v Northern Spirit
Marconi Stallions Youth v Sydney Olympic Youth
Sunday 19 November
Sydney Olympic Academy v Sydney United
Parramatta Power v Wollongong Wolves
ACT Academy v NSWIS
BYE: Newcastle United Colts

WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE
ROUND 3
Friday 17 November, Canberra
NSW Sapphires v Northern NSW Pride
ACTAS Canberra Eclipse v SASI Pirates
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ROUND 4
Sunday 19 November, Canberra
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Stars of Yesteryear

KEITH JONES, HAKOAH

By Bryan Cokely

THE Welsh are supposedly passionate by nature. Part of the national characteristic? Or maybe just a part of the mythology surrounding past glories of Welsh rugby, Tom Jones and Dic Penderyn.

Whatever your view there is no doubt that Keith Jones fits the stereotype.

Born and bred in Blaengwynfi, in the upper Afan Valley, Jones loves his country and his people.

He is proud to say so despite a long 34 year career in Australia first as a soccer star, then latterly as a union organizer, negotiating the rights of Australian workers.

Lightly built and fair, bright-eyed and energetic at 63, Jones has seemingly defied father time though his body is not without wear and tear.

Speaking with Jones is fun, his almost encyclopaedic knowledge of soccer through the sixties, frothed with enthusiasm and viewed with a nostalgic eye, brings life to unknown and forgotten players, revives stars of the era and breathes life into a period of soccer which many are unaware.

And talk of Wales: Blaengwynfi –known as the cape for it's rotten weather – suddenly comes alive before your eyes - green grassed hills dotted yellow and white with gorse and sheep.

Industrial scars healed and soothed, misty rain that bathes the Village on the narrow shoulder of the deep and narrowing valley.

To sit and talk with Keith Jones is to feel the passion.

Who else but Celts can make you want to live up a run-down, former coal-mining valley—and a long way to the sea.

Though, somewhat regrettably Keith Jones is a classic example of Soccer Australia's ability to forget it's past to neglect its former stars, to give an early burial to its unglamorous foot-soldiers.

Many soccer fans and Welsh migrants too young or uninformed would not know Jones as a former Hakoah (Sydney City) player and a representative of both Queensland and New South Wales and an amateur international for Wales.

Jones, the Will O the Wisp left-footer who played wing or inside forward, delighted fans in the '60s with his attacking style, determination and winner's gait.

Though now largely lost to the game and typically for a player of that generation having borne the pain of arthritis, Jones is not bitter at the lack of recognition and has got on with life.

These days he is busy cycling for an hour at Centennial Park each day or riding to his son's Kurnell home and then back to his Clovelly base.

Or maybe swimming at Coogee baths and working on weights, all to keep in shape and to keep moving, because running is not an option.

In 1985 Jones' body finally gave in to arthritis of his hip and an exchange of parts left him with a new, albeit, synthetic hip.

The disease was a legacy of playing and training excessively on hard Australian grounds.

Despite Doctor's warnings Jones still played as an amateur at 44.

One senses he would be out there now given the chance.

The body has succumbed in parts but the winner's determination is still there.

Jones' early career in Wales was largely spent between non-league clubs and trialling at places like Arsenal and Cardiff City.

"I would have signed for Arsenal but they wanted to loan me out to Millwall, so instead I signed for Bristol Rovers," he said.

After two years in the Football League Jones went to non-league football again which allowed him to work as well as play, a wise decision in terms of his future career and his eventual role as Union official, and a not uncommon necessity in those days.

In 1996 at age 28, National Service behind him, married and son Steve on board, Jones and wife Pam took up an option for Keith to become player coach in Queensland with Latrobe.

A successful season was rewarded with Cup and League double and a place in the Queensland team to play visiting Italian giants A.S. Roma.

But Jones was not satisfied and before too long he was in Sydney with Hakoah Soccer club and Ray Baartz, Ian Hilsdon (ex-Everton), Doug Holden, veteran of the (Stan) 'Mathews' Wembley cup final.

And there was Schaefer, Scheinflug and Blanco, Dr Joe Venglos, Australian coach Tiko Jelaslavic, Dennis Jaeger.

This was much better.

More success and plaudits followed and then the icing on the cake a call up by Venglos to play for N.S.W. in a two game series against Cardiff City and a young giant named John Toshack.

Jones realized he was finally being rewarded.

"Definitely this was the highlight of my career," he said.

The first game was drawn 1-1 at the Old Sydney football ground in a front of a good crowd.

However the big day had it's disappointments.

In games like these ex-pats can often measure themselves against the stars from back home, but Jones complained bitterly that he was not seeing the ball and was a spectator on the wing.

Frustrated, Jones vented his feelings at the break and after the game.

"I said at half time that we are playing with ten men as they weren't using me! I was disappointed that I did not get to make an impression," said Jones.

It got worse.

The team for the second game was without Jones' name.

And on finding out that the remaining squad players would have to pay for their own tickets to see the match, Jones saw red, asked for fair play and respect, got none and ended his representative career on a sour note not even watching the game.

Sadly a familiar tale in Australian Soccer.

Back to the present and Jones encouragingly is now talking excitedly about Kewell and Viduka, Giggs and Bellamy. The passion for the game is still there.

And the 'Cape'.

The Cape is in a phase of renewal, the Industrial Chapter closed, country parks, tourism, service industries now hold hope for the future.

Daughter Samantha, Australian-born and Clovelly raised, reported back favourably from a solo trip to see her Welsh side of the family.

"She loved it," said Jones beaming with pride.

"But my family have roots here now and where you are born and raised is what you feel inside.

I feel Welsh, my wife is English and my daughter is Australian, and we are happy here," said Jones.

"Just don't ask me to take out citizenship."

And as for the Welsh in Australia, Jones agrees that we tend to keep to ourselves and blend in with the locals.

"I've always agreed with 'when in Rome……," said Jones.

"I would like to know more about Welsh events here as I love singing," said Jones eying his Karaoke machine.

"But I'm not a fan of the way some nationalities take over whole suburbs, that's a bit over the top I wouldn't like that to have happened with us. But I would like to see the Welsh have more coverage on St David's day," he said.

Jones is also puzzled by the way Australians with Irish surnames can identify with the Irish but meet a Thomas, Jones or Evans and often they are not aware that theirs is a common Welsh surname.

The Welsh for their part are working on improving their image

And finally, inevitably the conversation returns to Ray Baartz, South Coast United, Prague, Dr Joe, Hilsdon's left foot, Abergavenny Thursdays, Alan Marnoch, Ivor Allchurch.

"Oh and by the way," said Jones "did you know that (former Derby County and Wales Captain) Alan Durban once said that Gwynfi's home pitch (perched high up on the side of the mountain) was the worst he had ever played on!"

Somebody stop that man!

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Cardiff City 1 (Clark)
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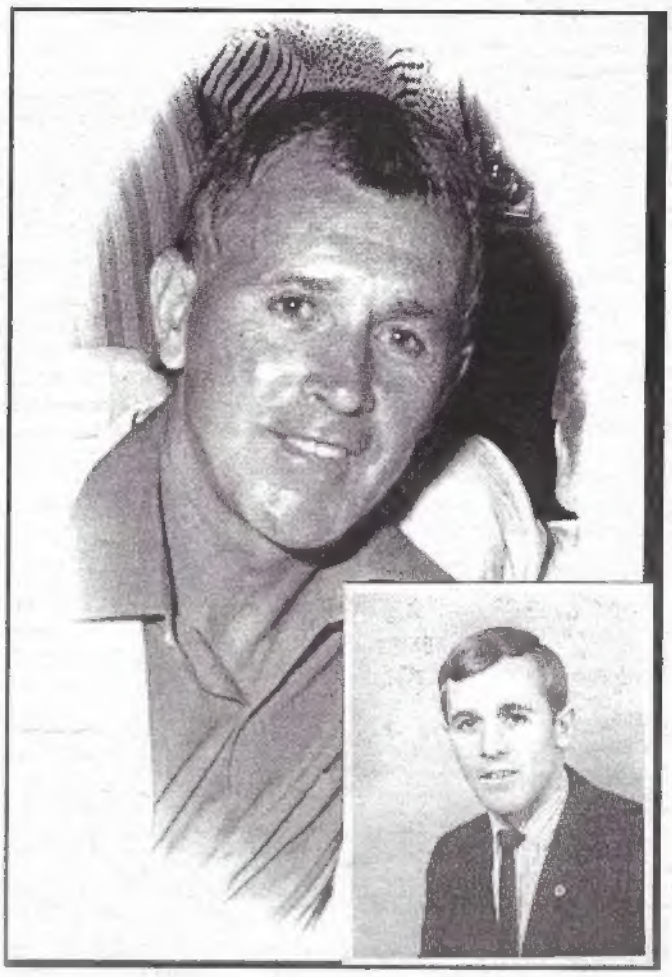
Brian Lincoln	Dave Carver
Stan Ackerley	Bobby Ferguson
Manfred Schaefer	Malcolm Clarke
Alan Marnoch	Don Murray
Dennis Yaager	Brian Harris
Roy Blitz	Barrie Jones
David Cliss	Brian Clark
Brian Smith	Peter King
Alan Westwater	John Toshack
Keith Jones	Ronnie Bird



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A LOOK AT THE SOCCEROOS

Farina's goalkeeping hangover

By Bruce Campbell

WHAT was once Australia's impregnable fortress is now starting to look just a wee bit shaky.

For so long Australia had what seemed like a non-stop conveyor belt of top goalkeeping talent—but now that line has suddenly come to a jarring halt.

The brilliance of Mark Bosnich was further enhanced with the back-up of talented understudies Zeljko Kalac and Mark Schwarzer

Even domestic based Aussies Danny Milosevic, Clint Bolton and brothers Jason and Michael Petkovic were seemingly in the hunt for a permanent place in the national squad

Add in John Filan and the situation was outstanding.

Plus of course Frank Juric

But how that has changed.

Bosnich, under a weight of personal and fitness problems is out, Schwarzer too, out for the last seven weeks with a broken thumb, while Kalac has been benched by his Dutch club, Roda.

Milosevic signed on as number three at Leeds, effectively ruling himself out of any chance he had as an outstanding up and comer, while the form of the Petkovic brothers dipped enough to not merit inclusion

That left John Filan who last pulled on a Socceroo shirt in 1997 in the away match against Hungary when Terry Venables was Socceroo coach

But by and large Venables used Bosnich or Kalac, often alternating the two with only one other 'keeper, Jason Petkovic, getting a starting run during his term.

Filan's only other appearance for Australia was way back in 1992 against Uruguay so he can hardly be considered an experienced number one

Add to that the news that his club have signed USA keeper Brad Friedel and even Filan's career at club level is under scrutiny.

The former Liverpool keeper has now reunited with his old boss, Graeme Souness.

The American keeper played under Souness with Turkish side Galatasaray and said: "He is a very honest and a very fair manager

"If you work hard for him he works twice as hard for you.

"We have a mutual respect for one another

"I hope I can do the business on the field and I'm sure he'll keep doing it off"

Clearly Friedel has been signed as Blackburn's first choice.

Schwarzer would have been Farina's number one choice but for injury.

The big Middlesbrough player had a well publicised spat with Soccer Australia but with the intervention of NSL chairman Tony Labbozzetta that is now in the past

And with Bosnich's immediate future at least under a cloud this was a chance for the former Marconi player to cement his first team spot at international level

Middlesbrough last week revealed that Schwarzer had opted not to make himself available for Australia, as well as resting himself from the struggling Premier League club's match against Manchester United

"Mark's pulled out of both our game and the international because he's not 100 per cent fit," said Middlesbrough spokesman Dave Allen

"It was his decision.

"He could have been selected for us, but he felt he needed more time to get fit."

But with Schwarzer playing in the Saturday match, and as *SuperSoccer* went to print, it looked increasingly likely that Schwarzer would take his place as a last minute team call-up

A fit Schwarzer could well prove to be Farina's best option. Farina has played both Bosnich and Kalac as his first choice, depending on the fitness of Bosnich, and has also fielded Clint Bolton and Schwarzer

MARK SCHWARZER

SOCCEROO POSSIBLES: THE 'KEEPERS

BEST CHOICE: Mark Bosnich (Manchester United)
STATUS: injured and out of Manchester United first team plans. Likely to be transferred at the end of this season.

NEXT BEST. Mark Schwarzer (Middlesbrough)
STATUS: Club's number one but out with a broken thumb for the last two months. Would be Farina's first choice when fully fit.

OTHERS: Zeljko Kalac (Roda), John Filan (Blackburn) - both are likely to be on the move from their clubs and should Kalac have any hopes of playing for Australia on the Road to Tokyo he needs to be back in first team action.

HOME BASED AUSSIES: Clint Bolton (Sydney Olympic), Michael Petkovic (South Melbourne) and Jason Petkovic (Perth Glory) would appear to have the nod, but Frank Farina is unlikely to use a home based player in such a key position—unless he has to.

And news of Aussies in Britain ...

Richard Garcia will shortly have to decide whether to stay with Leyton Orient ... the 18 year old is about to complete a 3 month maximum loan period with the Third Division Club, with the option now to either stay, or return to West Ham United.

But the striker, whose contract with West Ham runs out at the end of this season, doesn't discount the possibility of being loaned out to another Club, should he return to the Premier League Club.

With the finish of the Norwegian League last weekend, LG Socceroo and Olympian **CLAYTON ZANE** is another player who may be assessing his options for the future ... the Molde striker played only sporadically for the first team during the last season

Ross Aloisi has moved from Graz AK in the Austrian First Division to Alzano, Italian Serie C1A

SOCCEROO and Manchester United goalkeeper **MARK BOSNICH** has undergone a hernia operation this week, and is expected to be sidelined until Christmas

TONY POPOVIC has been sidelined with a groin strain, prior to the recommencement of the Japanese season.

JOHN ALOISI seems set to be out of football for the next month or so ... the striker strained a hamstring during Coventry City's 1-0 loss to Sunderland - it's the same hamstring which previously sidelined Aloisi for 12 months.

Darren Broxton continues to hold down a regular spot in the Southampton Under-17 side, having played in all of that team's games so far this season ... Southampton is currently sitting on top of the league.

Jordan Rhodes is enjoying action with the Charlton Athletic Premier Academy team (U-16s) . Rhodes is a regular with the side, his highlight so far this season scoring in a 1-1 draw with Tottenham Hotspur.

. and **Clint Davies**, who is enjoying his second year as an apprentice at Birmingham, was loaned out in October to Dr Martens League club side Bromsgrove Rovers, where he put in a man-of-the-match performance while filling in for the regular Bromsgrove goalkeeper, who was suspended. Davies has now returned to Birmingham.

World Cup draw scheduled for Busan

THE draw for the 2002 World Cup finals will be held in just over a year's time in the South Korean coastal city of Busan, FIFA has confirmed.

Busan, one of the cities due to stage World Cup matches during the tournament being co-hosted by South Korea and Japan, was chosen as the venue for the draw on December 1, 2001 by FIFA's 2002 organising committee.

The draw will place the 32 finalists into eight first-round groups, each containing four teams.

South Korea and Japan, as co-hosts, will each play all of their group matches in their respective countries.

The opening match will be held in Seoul on May 31 with the final in Yokohama, Japan, on June 30.

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The winner of group 1 and group 2 will compete in a home-and-away play-off. The winner will qualify to compete in a home and away play-off against the team coming fifth in the CONMEBOL preliminary competition. The winner will qualify for the final competition of the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan

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2	Brazil	9	5	2	2	20	9	17
3	Paraguay	9	5	2	2	13	8	17
4	Colombia	9	4	3	2	8	6	15
5	Uruguay	9	4	2	3	12	7	14
6	Ecuador	9	4	1	4	10	13	13
7	Chile	9	3	1	5	11	11	10
8	Peru	9	2	2	5	6	8	8
9	Bolivia	9	2	2	5	5	14	8
10	Venezuela	9	1	0	8	5	26	3

Matches still to play

14-11-00	La Paz	Bolivia vs. Uruguay
14-11-00	Brazil	Brazil vs. Colombia
14-11-00	Asunción	Paraguay vs. Peru
14-11-00	Santiago	Chile vs. Argentina
14-11-00	Venezuela	Venezuela vs. Ecuador
27-03-01	Buenos Aires	Argentina vs. Venezuela
27-03-01	Quito	Ecuador vs. Brazil
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27-03-01	Lima	Peru vs. Chile
27-03-01	Bogotá	Colombia vs. Bolivia
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MARK VIDUKA

FOUR goals for Leeds United have been enough to propel Mark Viduka on the sports pages of newspapers all around the world.

The fact that Leeds can now boast Harry Kewell and Viduka in the same team is a mouth watering itemn for Socceroo fans although there always be anxious moments given the Yorkshire club's stated relucatnace to release their players for 'foreign' national duty.

Nevertheless the pair can only strengthen a partnership which will be vital to Socceroo coach Frank Farina's dream of qualifying for the World Cup.

But Viduka won't be satisfied until he can repeat his goalscorring feats from Scotland in the English Premier League, according to his Leeds manager David O'Leary.

Viduka silenced his few remaining critics in England by firing in all four goals as Leeds beat Liverpool 4-3.

After a quiet start following his £6 million ($A16.57 million) transfer from Celtic, Viduka now has 10 Premier League goals – one off the pace – but O'Leary says he will not be satisfied until he can match the 27 he scored in leading the Scottish Premier League marksmen last season.

"What he wants most of all is to score as many goals in the Premier League as he did in Scotland," O'Leary told English newspapers.

"That is a real tester for him, because the Premiership is a bigger and better league than the top Scottish Division.

"It is tougher to score goals here, and Mark knew that when he joined us.

"But he is up for it – and it is a challenge he is determined to win."

O'Leary said Viduka's turning point for Leeds had been his absence during the Olympics.

"When Mark came back from Australia, I threw down the gauntlet to him," he said.

"I told him the only way to answer his critics was to go out and do it on the pitch and that is exactly what he has done.

"He returned from the Olympics in really good condition – and with huge determination and desire to show everybody that he is a top quality striker."

Viduka also said the Olympics, where Australia failed to make it past the group stage, were a crucial time for his career at Leeds.

"Maybe it's the Aussie air down there that's done it," he quipped to British reporters, adding more seriously that the Games had greatly helped his fitness after early season injuries.

"With every game, I feel I am getting fitter and fitter, better and better.

"I was struggling just making runs earlier in the season, but I feel a lot better now.

"It's all about match fitness.

"I got a couple of hat-tricks for Celtic, but this is the first time I have scored four in a game at this level," said Viduka, who added his four goals had come after a "shocking" night's sleep before the morning kick-off.

"Maybe I should get someone to keep waking me up in the middle of the night before the next game."

But, while defenders on both sides slumbered on, Viduka attacked the game with a verve and sparkle that ended with an on-field hug from cavorting manager David O'Leary and a champagne shower for his appreciative team-mates.

"I don't think it's really sunk in yet," says Viduka.

It will have filtered through to the rest of the Premiership though, a neon warning that the Viduka who used to tear through paper-thin Scottish back lines is quite capable of making the same impact in England.

The slow-moving, short-of-a-yard figure who huffed and puffed his way through August before making the controversial journey to Sydney has been replaced by a sharp centre forward who not only leads the line with some style, but has plundered 10 goals in nine games.

"There is definitely more to come," he adds.

"When I fine tune all the aspects of my game it should be better.'

His current standard would suffice for Elland Road fans, who had not witnessed a comparable feat since England striker Allan Clarke scored all four against Burnley almost 30 years ago, while the last Leeds forward to hurt Liverpool so badly was a certain Eric Cantona, whose hat-trick illuminated the 1992 Charity Shield.

O'Leary could have been excused for looking smug, for in Viduka he has acquired a centre forward at virtually half the cost of Liverpool's £11m Emile Heskey, who holds up the ball as well as Mark Hughes in his pomp but can score goals with the aplomb of Kenny Dalglish.

Viduka's hat-trick goal, created from a pass by the superb Olivier Dacourt and clipped across Sander Westerveld and in off the far post for 3-3, had echoes of the watching Scot.

While his winner brought groans and protests from Liverpool's dug-out, convinced that Viduka was offside before Dacourt's scuffed shot reached him, the striker's almost arrogant chip over the advancing goalkeeper bore the confident hallmark of all the true greats.

O'Leary explained: 'I didn't buy him as a target man, a big centre forward that we lump the ball up to.

"I wanted a centre forward who is good with his feet, who can play off people.

"A big flick-ing-on merchant is not the way to go for me.

"There's no doubt the Olympics got him fit.

"He went and cleared his head. This is a bigger and better league than he was in before and it's tougher to score goals.

"But what I liked about him was the hunger he had to test himself.

"He wanted to show people he could score goals down here as well."

Almost exactly a year since he scored his six-minute hat-trick for Celtic against Kilmarnock, Viduka gave emphatic notice that Leeds have found their replacement for Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink.

And Socceroo fans may finally have found the striker who can hit the back of the net with a regularity that has not been seen for many, many years.

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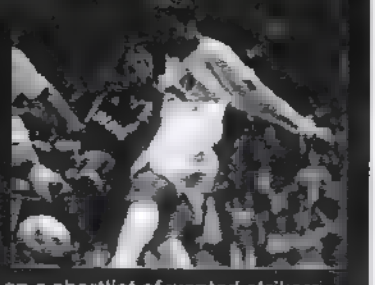

IT DIDN'T take the English press long.

The Sun was at it straight away, with its reporters scrambling to make the deadline just a day after Viduka's historic four goals.

The Sun reported that Viduka, who scored all four goals in the 4-3 Premier League defeat of Liverpool, was on a shortlist of wanted strikers drawn up by Barcelona for next season.

The paper said Viduka would attract upwards of £10 million ($27.3m) on the transfer market.

Leeds paid £6m to sign Viduka from Celtic in the off-season.

Viduka suffered a slow start to his Leeds career, but he has bloomed since returning from the Olympics in Sydney and is second on the Premier League goalscoring list with 10, one off the pace.

The report of the Barcelona interest was published in a scandal story alleging the Catalan club would need new players due to a dirty tricks plan to help their current European Champions League campaign.

Spanish newspapers claimed Barcelona offered AC Milan a £1.6 million bonus to defeat Leeds, while suggesting the Italian club could also receive discount rates on any Barcelona players they wished to buy at the end of the season.

MARK VIDUKA DESCRIBES HIS HISTORICAL FOUR-SOME—GOAL BY GOAL

Goal #1 (24th minute mark)
Well, leading up to that goal I was thinking quite a lot of things actually .. I was pretty disappointed to be down 2-0 so early on, and I said to myself, we've got to try and get one back before half time - Alan Smith pressured one of their players down the right wing, the deflection came to me, I was left with the keeper to beat and just chipped over him and that was it.

Goal #2 (46th minute mark)
This one came from a cross from Gary Kelly on the right wing very early in the second half - obviously during the half-time break we were talking about how we could come back - and I was there to head the ball home. Some days, all you need is a bit of luck, and today was one of those days, everything went on target. At 2-2, I thought we're in, we can win this one. The crowd, which was right behind us from the first whistle was absolutely magnificent - they knew we had the chance to win the game, and it spurred all of us on.

Goal #3 (73rd minute mark)
I went out to the wing to try and get the ball off a defender. He passed it through to the midfield, but I was still out there, saw an opening and managed to get the ball. My first touch wasn't the best one and I had to turn back, I still couldn't hit it so I turned back again, beat a couple of defenders and shot off my right foot - it worked, it came off and we were back to 3-3. I remember looking over to the bench, and assistant coach Eddie Gray was saying you can get four, and I thought to myself, he's got to be joking, right?

Goal #4 (75th minute mark)
Olivier Dacourt had just taken a shot and the ball was still alive, and I thought, well, I'm in line with the players, I'm on-side, I could get a touch on it and if I get a touch I'm in. I chipped it over the keeper and the rest is history. To tell you the truth, I don't think it really sank in at that stage, and it still hasn't sunk in - I'll tell you when it has. But there were plenty of emotions out there ... I was so excited, my team-mates were so excited, but it happened so quickly I didn't really have much time to think about it.

What did David O'Leary say to you?
Well obviously he was very, very pleased, but then I won the Man of the Match Award and sprinkled him with the champagne, and I don't think he was so happy with that!

Do you rank that as one of your best performances?
Probably, but as I said right after the match, I think that I have played better games. This game was one where everything came off, and you have to grab games like that when you can. As a striker, you can battle all game and play really, really well and in the end you might not get anything - or you can have a game like my one against Liverpool, where the ball comes to you and you score - it was one of those matches where I got four chances and put four chances away.

Could you have picked a more high profile opponent to put 4 against?
It's funny, when I was young and growing up and watching the Premier League, I never really liked Liverpool very much, and I'd always be arguing with my cousin who was a big fan. Obviously they are a very good side, and to take the victory on Saturday was an important step for us.

Finally Mark, what was your day like on Sunday?
Actually, it wasn't quite what I expected, because my dog, Tara, ran away on Saturday night - there was a bit of a bonfire night, and the firecrackers must have scared her and somehow she got out, so I was pretty worried about her, which took a bit of the shine off the night, but I found her at the police station the next day, and she's here with me right now, back home. I also got to speak to my family - I sent them a bit of a message in the after-match interview, and it was good speaking with them, they'd all seen the match too.

WITH THANKS TO Soccer Australia

Mark Viduka got his first taste of adult representative football for the ACT when coach Steve Bryant picked him for the 1992 tour of Solomon Islands. Viduka was then on scholarship at the AIS which played one season in the ACT Premier League.

MARK VIDUKA

Club: Leeds United
Shirt Number: 9
Date of Birth. October 9 1975
Birthplace. Melbourne, Australia
Height: 6'2"

Bought for £6 million after a protracted transfer saga during summer 2000, the Australian was finally awarded a work permit to take his place as the big striker Leeds have been chasing for some time.
Voted the Scottish Premier League Player of the Year in 1999-2000 after scoring 27 goals in his first full season at Parkhead, after another transfer saga in 1998-9 following his arrival in Britain had curtailed his appearances in that season
Tall and powerful, he started his career in Australia with Melbourne Knights, before moving to Croatia Zagreb, by virtue of his Croatian parentage, and then joining Celtic in a £3,5M deal.

LEEDS UNITED'S AUSSIE CONNECTION

JACOB BURNS

Australian utility man who was snapped up on the Champions League transfer deadline in August 2000. He joined Leeds from Parramatta Power back in his homeland in a £250,000 deal as a player for the future.

DANNY HAY

New Zealand international signed for Leeds by David O'Leary for £200,000 from Australian side Perth Glory in August 1999.
He came to Leeds' attention after he was spotted during a trial for German club Vfb Stuttgart. The player then linked up with the West Yorkshire club on a tour of Scandinavia and impressed.
Made his debut ahead of schedule due to Leeds' crippling injury problems in, of all games, a 4-0 defeat against Barcelona at the Nou Camp as a substitute.
His Premiership debut followed in a 4-3 win at home to Tottenham Hotspur again as a substitute.
The defender's first Premiership start came in another huge game - a 3-0 defeat to Manchester United at Old Trafford.

DANNY MILOSEVIC

Moved to the club for £110,000 from Perth Glory in January 2000.
He was signed as Leeds' third choice stopper, behind England's Nigel Martyn and Paul Robinson.
An Australia Under 23 international, Milosevic went to the Olympics along with Mark Viduka and played in his country's poor challenge at Sydney 2000
Finally got a run... on the bench... when Nigel Martyn picked up an injury in October 2000.

HARRY KEWELL

Now rated by his club chairman, Peter Risdale, as being worth £50 million, the 1999-2000 campaign saw him pick up the PFA Young Footballer of the Year Award and the Packard Bell LUFC Player of the Year.
Having sprung to attention during the 1997/98 season, Kewell's performances during 1998-99 brought him to the attention of a drooling collection of admirers, who drooled even further in 1999-2000.
Sydney-born Harry was originally given his debut in the 1995/96 season, as a 17-year-old, and after a pre-season injury to Lee Sharpe was able to become a regular part of the side two years later
His pace and trickery, confidence and eye for goal have made him into a player who can play at either left-wing or up front.
Given all of that, Leeds fans were celebrating when Kewell signed a new contract in August 2000.

Sharper Iocca staging Golden Boot smash and grab

By Bruce Campbell

IT SEEMS that at Blacktown City Darren Iocca has finally met his match

In coach Brian Brown he has a boss who doesn't know what second best means.

In his two years at the Gabbie he has brought a continued line of success but in his own quietly spoken way

Brown isn't the 'throw a tea cup against the wall' type of coach, but he demands a certain level from his players—and gets it or they are on their way.

Darren Iocca, even with his fine pedigree was no different.

The silky skills utility player arrived at the Gabbie looking slow and overweight.

A player who has all the skills to turn heads when he wants has always just failed at the highest level

Maybe lack of opportunity, maybe lack of the final ingredient, but whatever Brown took the potential match winner by the neck and accepted the challenge

"The first thing Brownie did was to tell me to lose weight," says Iocca.

"He told me to lose 10 kilos or I wouldn't get a game."

That Iocca has done that was evident at Melita Stadium last Friday as he did a smash and grab raid on the Premier League s Golden Boot charts.

Four goals, all taken differently, all requiring a different level of skill—but all smacked into the back of the net, sending his club to the top of the league.

"I've lost 10 but another five kilos would be really good as well," Iocca says.

"I just hope that I keep on getting the goal scoring chances and that it keeps going

"I haven't set any goal scoring targets for the season, I'll just see how it goes."

Iocca was signed from Super League club Fairfield Bulls in the short off-season but has also played NSL for Marconi Stallions

A youth international, he was rated one of Australia's many fine talents just a few years ago

At 26 he is hardly in the veteran class, but is a long way away from the day when he made his debut at Bossley Park as an 18-year-old.

Students of the game say that Iocca is a talent, but an under utilised one

A player who can score goals at any level is a rarity and Iocca's critics and fans alike all say that he should be playing at a higher level.

"I think that that is a compliment," says the player.

"But I am still young enough.

"I want to have a really good season with Blacktown this summer and who knows, we'll see what happens.

"I could have done a lot better at Marconi if they had given me more of a chance but I guess that's soccer.

"That's the way it goes.

"But if I hadn't come to Blacktown that would have seen the end of it for me

"I knew I had to come to a winning team.

"It makes the work harder.

"If the opportunity came along to play in the NSL again I'd be happy to take it."

For the meantime Iocca is an integral part of the Blacktown City line-up.

That brings a smile to the face of coach Brian Brown but he is not a person to stand in the way of his player's career ambitions.

"Look, there are a number of players here who could be playing at NSL level," says Brown. "Iocca is one, so is Damian Brown and Damon Langan is another one."

Brown agrees that some of his players have opted for the 'comfort zone' by staying out of the NSL with the Premier league testing their ability but not putting them under too much pressure.

He also feels that there is talent within his team which has been ignored by NSL clubs, seemingly frightened of giving a chance to players who have proven consistently at Premier League level that they have both the talent and dedication.

If he can provide a springboard for Darren Iocca to return to the top flight then Brian Brown will be a happy man.

Happy that is, because the player will have repaid his faith—and at the same time the likelihood is that Darren Iocca will have scored the goals which will help propel Blacktown to his dream target, a fourth successive League Championship.

GHISSO RETURNING FROM VANUATU

BONNYRIGG star Johnny Ghisso will be back from his Vanuatu honeymoon shortly, giving coach Doug Utjesenovic more fire power in his bid to win the inaugural Premier League.

"The players had an off-day against Central Coast, but we must turn things around quickly because a good start to the season is vital for success at the end of the season," said the former Socceroo before his players got back on track last week against Penrith.

With both Bobby Dragas and Javier Mancino available Bonnyrigg play host to Canterbury this Saturday.

Billy's hard task

SUTHERLAND'S Billy McColl has been hard at work in the off-season after making the move to Seymour Shaw from Jensen Park at the end of last season.

Casting his eagle eye through the Sharks ranks McColl made some hard decisions in releasing a number of first grade players and recruiting a number of highly talented 'bargain buys' to boost the club's profile.

Ex Manly sweeper Jeremy Petterion comes into the defence along with former Bonnyrigg stopper Alen Stajcic, Macarthur trio Colin McAusland, Tony Judge and Ian McDonald form the backbone of the midfield, while ex-Parramatta Eagles striker, Grant Bard, returns to his former club to lead the attack.

McColl realises he has a tough job in trying to lift the Sharks who finished last in season 2000.

"We'll be competitive. I've recruited a number of quality players in key positions to help lift the club as well as preserving the large number of talented juniors in the club.

"Guys like Kris Karanosis, Dejan Rsitovski, Leigh Magri and Scott Allison will learn much more in a club that has a number of high profile players like Grant Bard to lead the way."

SuperSoccer speaks to

Steve Lazzari: Belconnen Blue Devils

By Bruce Campbell

STEVE Lazzari did what every striker wants to do; got his season off to a goal scoring start when he bagged two in his team's 4-1 win over Penrith two weeks ago

That confirmed what a lot of people expect, that the hot gun from the ACT will be a handful in the Premier League this season.

Lazzari has made a habit of scoring goals year in and year out

It is that kind of consistency that sees him permanently in the top three goal scorers in Canberra.

Considering that he has spent much of his career with unfashionable Weston Creek makes that regularity even more credible

To win the Golden Boot five times in an era which has seen such other prominent goal scorers as Marko Perinovic, Tony Lemezina and Mark Viduka is no mean achievement

"It was definitely good to get the season off to a goalscoring start," he says

"I think that 4-1 was an exceptional scoreline for us and it certainly gives the team a lot of confidence.

"We also played very well."

Lazzari concedes that the Penrith side may well be one of the league's weaker sides but that still doesn't diminish the difficulty of any side making a near four hour trip into an unknown arena for their debut game.

"I thought that Penrith were a bit lacking in skills," he says.

"However they were very strong physically.

"They would probably me about mid table in the ACT Premier League.

"I felt that Belconnen's skill level was certainly a lot higher."

A few good pre-season results and an opening high-scoring win might see the boys from the capital getting carried away but Lazzari is more reserved, instead talking of "one game at a time".

That they are into a three game home sequence is an obvious advantage but it also places a fair bit of pressure on the new side.

Without the benefit of gelling together they are facing title favourites Blacktown City next week.

Lazzari knows that while the three home game run is an advantage it is also a millstone.

"Those three games could well make or break our season," he said.

"If we manage to get the points we are after then we will be set up at the top end of the table.

"But at the same time if we don't do well then we will struggle to catch the others."

Local TV has already taken an interest in Lazzari, giving him prime time interview space in the run-up to Belconnen's first home game.

That is some consolation for the hit man who was shown the door at Canberra Cosmos

"Mike Lyons obviously lacked faith in me," he says.

"I played seven or eight games but he really didn't use me.

"I couldn't understand his thinking because he would start me away from home but not when we played at Bruce Stadium.

"That is what any striker wants, to play in front of his home crowd.

"But I was never given that opportunity, not from the start.

"Mike was looking for a big strong target man, and that's not my game

"The English long ball style isn't the kind of football which can win World Cups.

"It just doesn't stand up.

"The modern game needs players who can play with the ball."

And while Lazzari hasn't turned his back on NSL stardom he is realistic about that particular scene.

"At 33 I think I still have the fitness and pace," he says, "but I have got a wife and two children also.

"I don't know, I think it would be a big ask."

Big ask or not, come the end of this NSW Premier League it would be a major surprise if the name of Steve Lazzari isn't riding high on the scorer's list.

That might make former Cosmos coach Mike Lyons pause for thought.

It might also attract the interest of NSL clubs. In the meantime it will cause Premier League defences a lot of headaches.

NATIONAL GRABS

"I'll use the friendly international to see how the system of communication works between myself in the Hampden stand and the people in the dug out. It should be all right but I have to make sure because the game against the Belgians will be a major one and I think next week's match will be the perfect opportunity to make sure our walkie-talkie system works."
Scotland coach Craig Brown (pictured) before the match against Australia speaking of his touch-line ban.

"Newcastle did very well last year and they have a similar, if not better squad this year, so it is only a matter of time before they get a win on the board. I have been stressing to the players that we can't let that first win come at our expense. We have started to play some good football and through Ben and Alex we are scoring and if we play to our potential I have no doubts we can come away with the three points." Spirit coach Graham Arnold before last weekend's match.

"We certainly didn't bring him 12,000 miles to have him sit on his backside. If his clearance comes through, he'll be playing and he won't be coming off the bench. He look great in training." Brisbane coach John Kosmina on the clearance for Brazilian Rech.

"John Kosmina always seems to have the wood on Wollongong and always comes up with a surprise for us. Hopefully this year, we can return the favour." Wollongong's Ron Corry.

"Very happy with our performance last week, hopefully we can continue this week with another win." Power coach Dave Mitchell.

"We showed a lot of character to come back in the last 5 minutes against Brisbane last week and we will perform with that same endeavour against Parramatta." Canberra coach Tom Sermanni before driving north to play Parramatta

"Local derbies are always special events and this match is certain to rekindle past memories for both sets of fans United's first loss last weekend will make them all the more hungrier in front of their home crowd, so we'll have to be focused from the opening minute of play to take the points." Marconi's Eddie Krncevic before the match against Sydney United.

"We need to bounce back after last weeks disappointment. Marconi are a good team and we'll need to be at our best to get a result." United's Alan Hunter.

"We are up against a very experienced and difficult opponent this week and it will give us a good guide of where we are at this stage of the season." Olympic's Branko Culina before his 200th match.

"We threw away a game to Melbourne Nights and we handed Canberra a draw because of our lack of concentration. That's five points we've tossed away. We could be on top of the ladder. A point for a draw is better than nothing but we've played well in Wollongong before and we want to go there and get on the front foot from the start. We were dynamic in the first half against Canberra but one or two little mistakes put us under pressure and we panicked. The guys have to stay focussed for the full game and we know we can beat anyone in this competition." John Kosmina before Brisbane played Wollongong.

"This week is going to be a difficult game against Northern Spirit as they have their confidence up at the moment. With the match taking on a local derby feel, it is certainly going to be a battle but with the extra training sessions we have put in this week, I am confident we will rise to the occasion and come away with the points." Lee Sterrey before Newcastle played Spirit.

"Last weeks result was great and we now have won two games in a row, but Newcastle will be a tough match. They have not started well and will be desperate to get something out of the match." Graham Arnold

"I am very proud that the Bank of Cyprus has become the major sponsor of the South Melbourne Soccer Club for the 2000/2001 National Soccer League season. This major sponsorship continues a century long tradition of the Bank of Cyprus being community focused in cities in which it has a presence." Harry Toukalas, Managing Director of the Bank of Cyprus in Australia, announcing a significant sponsorship of South Melbourne.

"Unfortunately we couldn't get the three points tonight. Individual errors cost us again; we had our chances but we just couldn't put them away and we struggled up front." Kingz captain Harry Ngata after going down at home to struggling Adelaide City

Transparency suiting new look Spirit just fine

By Bryan Cokely

NORTHERN Spirit have steered back on track for a Top 6 place this year, after a horrible start in the first two rounds which also saw a return to the dismal home form of last season.

Graham Arnold has for now wisely set aside the 3 4 3 Ajax formation he has intermittently experimented with and returned to the 5 3 2 set up which this generation of Australian players are comfortable with

Much has been said too about the North Sydney oval cricket square and glassy outfield, which the players find to quick..

The match day hype has been toned down somewhat after many embarrassing .insipid home displays last season.

It was almost as if the players just did not have the will to be showbiz stars, now they look much more comfortable being soccer players.

The first sign of this change of heart was at the sensible press conference to launch the season.

The players trained on the main pitch allowing the media time to see players involved in their daily routine.

Contrast this to last season when 30 red faced players paraded in on the back of Harley Davidsons.

It set up the players - especially the youngsters – for a tricky ride.

The season quickly went off the rails and a number of reputations – including the coaching staff – suffered badly.

Michael Cunico was there through it all quietly chipping away

This transparent 21-year-old utility player has come through with his reputation intact and now has a regular first team spot in defence after ousting the unwanted Mark Rudan.

"It's better this year, we've gone straight into business without all the hoo ha," said Cunico of the different approach by Northern Spirit.

Cunico is regarded as the fittest player at the club.

He has recorded an endurance beep test score of 15.5 and a 20 m sprint of 2.86 seconds.

He is ambitious, and would like to play overseas but remains level headed saying

"I am not in any rush.

"I'll take things as they come

"I have a lot to improve on before I try there."

Having played most of his games for Northern in midfield, Cunico now finds himself at the heart of the defence.

He has adapted by using a combination of zonal and man to man marking.

"If I get an early shout I'll pass my man on, but if we are closer to goal or I have not heard anything I will stay tight," he says

Now that his team are playing 5 3 2 Cunico looks more comfortable as do his teammates

The Ajax system that Arnold would love to play has not really taken off around the world and has never looked at home in North Sydney.

Not surprising really as the set up involves long term planning starting with juniors as young as eight

It is easy to see why any coach might be seduced by the flowing football the Dutch produce, but the 3 4 3 is a complex partner.

Arnold's players habitually run too many straight lines, not the required angular type, and are used to man to man combat as imposed by the big is best fare many local juniors are brought up on.

Cunico highlights two points that he believes has turned around their early season form.

First is having twin strikers again in Alex Moreira and Ben Burgess, and that grass at North Sydney.

"Having two up front gives us that extra option, one short and one long, it also allows Chi Chi Mendez more space to play," said Cunico.

And, "yes the grass is much better long.

"It always seems to rain at home which makes the ball skid.

"Against the Kingz it was just right."

Northern Spirit appears to have weathered the worst

Craig Foster has been cleared to play and the squad has a lot more depth this year

The new Spirit seems a lot less brassy

There is nothing so awkward as fireworks after a limp and lethargic performance.

Having gone through a tempestuous adolescence, they are growing up

The club seems to have belatedly realized the fans want attacking football and excitement of the soccer kind and also a new era of honesty hard work and openness, transparency even, a bit like Cunico really

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Brown making Parramatta pay

By Bruce Campbell

"HE JUST runs and runs all day long."

That was how Parramatta Power assistant coach Lawrie McKinna summed up Blacktown City utility player Damian Brown.

In fact the left sider could be considered a bit hard done by not playing in the NSL this season.

He did everything that was asked of him in pre-season training at Parramatta Power and looked a good thing to be added to their squad.

But the club opted for a back four system this season, apparently leaving no place for Brown

The decision mystified Brown who decided just to get on with his career with Blacktown City instead

Parramatta Eagles coach Tam Finlayson was to rue the twist of fate last Friday night as Brown put on a devastating display, which ripped holes in a static Eagles defence.

"That was the first time I have ever played a full game with Darren," Brown said of his strike partner Darren Iocca who bagged all four goals in the 4-1 thumping.

"We were just told to go out and play"

The fact that the Demons are playing without a recognised striker also says a lot for their potency this season.

"Last season Mark Hagger scored 30 goals but everyone was scoring also," says coach Brian Brown.

"But so far this season it is five goals scored, and all by Darren Iocca."

Brown, who is toying with the idea of unleashing the most devastating strike line in the competition—a trio of Jimmy Aschner, Iocca and Brown, has reason to smile

He too believes that Damian Brown should be playing in the NSL, but isn't complaining at all.

He agrees with McKinna: "Damian just runs all night

"He is a good player who should be playing in the NSL."

The player himself admits to be disappointed by not being picked up by Power but is pragmatic.

With spells at Newcastle and Canberra Cosmos already under his belt he knows just what is required

"Some players say that there isn't much difference between the NSL and the Premier League but they are wrong," he says.

"I think the NSL is that bit faster everywhere."

So does he think that he can take that step up again?

"I was disappointed not to be signed by Power but I'm just getting on with it

"Blacktown is a good club, I am enjoying this season.

"But sure, I'll give it another try. I'm only 25 and I think I've got plenty of football left in me."

So does the other side of Parramatta; Eagles coach Tam Finlayson.

A CHANCE TO TOP

The NSW Sapphires get a chance to get back to the top of the table with the next double round of matches to be played in Canberra.

"Most of the players in the Sapphires squad were not involved in last season's victory so they are not carrying any psychological baggage into the season," captain Annissa Tann says of the high expectations being placed on the current national champions.

"It's not that simple to say any particular team is a favourite.

"They're all good squads with strong players and it should be a very competitive tournament.

"Adelaide Sensation and the Queensland Academy of Sport team always push us."

2000 appearances/goals	
Catherine Cannuli	2/0
Michelle Carney	2/0
Kathryn Collins	0/0
Kristine Collins	2/0
Lisa Collins	2/0
Emma Davison	1/0
Heather Garriock	2/1
Lisa Gilbert	0/0
Kelly Golebiowski	2/0
Alison Hogg	0/0
Nicole Kimber	0/0
Cassandra Kell	2/0
Justine King	0/0
Neisha Klessattel	2/0
Kylie Ledbrook	0/0
Collette McCallum	1/0
Justine McLaughlin	1/0
Taryn Rockall	2/3
Thea Slatyer	0/0
Anissa Tann-Darby (c)	2/0
Lisa Warrener	1/0

Under their wing

PARRAMATTA Power rookie Brendan Santalab has been taken under the wing of the club's big name imports.

Joe Miller and Dave Lee are spending a lot of time with the Wollongong youngster, passing on the benefit of their experience at the highest level in Britain.

"They have been brilliant with him," says assistant coach Lawrie McKinna.

"Santalab is thrilled that they are showing so much interest in him.

"Dave Lee promised him $100 for every goal he scored and he was dead chuffed to get his first the other week."

McKinna took time out before his club's match against Canberra last week to visit the NSW Premier league clash between Parramatta eagles and Blacktown City.

McKinna was particularly impressed with the speedy Damian brown and Damian Langan

Cosmos sign international

CANBERRA Cosmos have signed Uruguay national team player Milton Cortes.

Twenty-seven year old Cortes, who initially came to Australia to visit family members in Sydney, has played 25 Uruguay national level games.

He is a known "goleador" and has at times headed the top scorer charts in his homeland during his professional career.

Cortes has been signed by Cosmos until the end of the 2000/01 season.

The signing is conditional on Soccer Australia registration and clearances from his former clubs, and the Club expects these to come through without any difficulties.

Coach Tommy Sermanni is very pleased with his new recruit: "We've been lucky. Milton's a quality, talented player. He's quite dynamic, and I can well imagine he'll rapidly become a crowd favourite."

Cortes, an attacking midfielder, will add more quality and experience to Sermanni's squad.

"He's a pocket South American rocket, at only 5'4". I'm expecting him to have a big impact on our games," Sermanni added.

"He's the kind of player that will excite the crowd, plus he's a match-winner. The kind of player that can turn a match around."

A brief CV follows.

With the kids

CANBERRA Cosmos footballers will be working with Canberra's school kids in a three-week campaign to increase interest in Canberra's National Soccer League team.

"We have some of Australia s best footballers right here in Canberra, many of them are Canberra born and bred," coach Tom Sermanni said.

"We'll be sending our players out to Canberra's school playgrounds for lunch-time visits, to raise their profile with the kids. We'll being playing a bit of soccer with them, and we have some give-aways too."

Players of the calibre of Marcus Phillips and Socceroo Robbie Hooker both love working with Canberra's kids.

"These kids are the future of football in Canberra, and Cosmos is the best avenue for them to excel at the sport," midfielder Marcus Phillips said.

"Without a national team in Canberra, they won't have the thrill of getting an autograph, or the excitement of coming to a home game. We want to give them the opportunity to meet us at school, have a bit of a kick around, and then come along to our games to watch us play."

FIFA World Player Gala

FIFA will be staging the 2000 FIFA World Player Gala in a television studio in Rome on 11 December.

This annual event, staged by FIFA in cooperation with the International Football Hall of Champions (IFHOC), ESM and adidas, is taking place for the tenth time to award the three players chosen as the best of the year by national team coaches from around the world

Awards will also be presented to the best woman player of the year and the best player of the century - selected by football fans via the FIFA Website.

Other accolades are:

FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking: the top team and the major mover of the year

Fair Play: the annual individual FIFA Fair Play Prize and the FIFA Fair Play Trophy for the Olympic Football Tournaments (women: Germany, men. Brazil)

The International Football Hall of Champions will induct three new players, a club and a national team into its illustrious ranks.

In addition, the ESM member, La Gazzetta dello Sport, will announce the Italian national team voted by supporters as the best of the Century via the Gazzetta Website.

SuperSoccer talks to BEN BURGESS

NORTHERN Spirit's Ben Burgess capped his exciting start to the season with a magnificent hat-trick of goals against the Football Kingz at North Sydney Oval

The burly 18-year-old striker, appropriately nicknamed Big Ben, is on loan from English first division club Blackburn Rovers and his form indicates he will be an integral part of the Spirit's quest to make the top six this season.

SuperSoccer:
Was Friday night's match the highlight of your career so far?
Ben Burgess:
Yes, it's definitely up there with making my debut for Blackburn Rovers last year.

SuperSoccer:
Take us through your pre-match preparations and your experiences on the pitch on that night?
Ben Burgess:
Well, I can't cook which means I've only been eating microwaved meals since I got here from England, but Mum and Dad came over to Australia last week so I've been getting some proper meals since then.

Mum made me some spaghetti bolognaise before the game which helped me feel really good.

Then when I got together with the lads before the game, we were talking about the match and we were all really confident about winning.

Once we got out on the pitch, the guys all played really well and they set me up really well to score, so it was a great night.

SuperSoccer.
Is the hat-trick a sign you are now feeling more settled at the Spirit and that you're starting to develop a better understanding with your team-mates?
Ben Burgess:
Yes, I think so. I was disappointed not to score in the first three games because I was anxious to show people what I could do and to repay the faith that Graham Arnold and the Spirit have shown in me.

I think on Friday I went a little way toward doing that.

SuperSoccer:
You appear to team particularly well with the Spirit's other new recruit, Alex Moreira.

What is the secret to your successful partnership?
Ben Burgess:
Alex is a great player so it's not hard to team up well with him because he's so good.

He set up two of my goals and I'm grateful for that.

I don't know why but we both just seem to know what the other is doing so we get in the right positions.

We both work hard though and practice our set-plays.

SuperSoccer:
You are on loan to the Spirit from Blackburn Rovers.

What were the circumstances that brought you to Australia?
Ben Burgess:
I went to see the manager of Blackburn Rovers, Graeme Souness, about going out on loan somewhere because I wasn't really getting a go in the first team at Rovers.

I'd had a few offers from some 1st and 2nd division clubs and from Scotland that I wanted to discuss with him.

That's when he told me about this opportunity in Australia and I thought it sounded like a good idea.

I was actually all set to go but then someone in the Blackburn firsts got injured and I had to replace them, so I was told the move to Australia was off

But then one night, on the way back from a match, the coach told me the trip out here was back on.

I think that was on a Wednesday and he told me my plane was due to take off on the Friday so I basically only had time to pack my things and say goodbye to my parents and my girlfriend before I left.

Things were so rushed I didn't even have time to get nervous about coming here.

SuperSoccer:
What have been your impressions of your time in Australia so far?
Ben Burgess:
I'm loving it and I don't know if I really want to go back.

Everyone's relaxed and really friendly and they've all made me feel really welcome.

The standard of football here is also really good and I definitely think it'll be helpful to my game

Graham Arnold was a good striker in his time and people like Robbie Slater, Robbie Enes and Craig Foster have all played overseas so there are loads of people to learn from

SuperSoccer:
What are your aspirations for the remainder of the NSL season?
Ben Burgess.
To help the Northern Spirit to finish in the Top Six and on a personal level, to perform well each week and keep my place.

I don't really plan to get a particular number of goals per game or for the year but if I work as hard as I can, then hopefully the goals will come

SuperSoccer.
What are your plans beyond this NSL season?
Ben Burgess:
Blackburn have only released me for this season and I still have two years left on my contract with them so next year I'll go back to England and hopefully get into the first team on a regular basis.

With acknowledgement to Soccer Australia.

ROVERS LIST WORLD CLUB CUP SQUAD

NEW ZEALAND Napier City-Rovers has named their full squad to compete in the Oceania qualifying tournament for the World Club Championship in January 2001.

Napier will play in the same group as Australia's champions, Wollongong City Wolves.

A shock withdrawal announced by Coach Charlie Howe, has been the sudden unavailability of Martin Disley.

Disley had been announced as being signed by the club from Western Suburbs in a media release two weeks ago.

Howe is negotiating with a replacement for Disley

Napier are also looking to add a striker and another goalkeeper.

Simon Eaddy from University Mount Wellington was on the verge of singing for Napier as reserve 'keeper before being snapped up by NSL club Football Kingz.

Also Mick Waitt is unable to travel due to his involvement with an All White trip to India.

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea has been confirmed as the venue for the tournament.

The winner of the qualifying tournament travels to Spain in late July to contest the finals where they are reportedly guaranteed a minimum of $US4m.

Napier has been drawn in by far the tougher of the groups with the Australian champions Wollongong Wolves, the Fijian champions, the host team and the Solomon Island champions all sure to prove tough opposition.

Napier City Rovers squad;
Mark Paston (GK), Wayne Atkins, Perry Cotton, Jonathon Taylor, Robbie Parker, Andy Rennie, Craig West, Scott Pilcher, Jimmy Cudd, Warren Gilbertson, Graham Pearce, Chris McIvor, Paul Halford, Leon Birnie, Martin Akers, Rupert Ryan, Adam Turner, David Gearey.
Officials - Charlie Howe (Head Coach), Karl Bauerfeind (Assistant Coach), Roy New (Manager), John Haywood (Physio).

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Arnie slams North Power

NORTHERN Spirit officials are seriously reconsidering future NSL games at Gosford's North Power Stadium here after the weekend's 0-0 draw with Newcastle United was played on a substandard surface.

"Last week we played on a great surface and played some great football but we need to reconsider our position," Northern Spirit player-coach Graham Arnold said.

"Normally we play on a cricket pitch but tonight we played on a cow paddock."

North Power Stadium is also home to NSW Premier League side Central Coast Coasties and is the venue for an important series of Oceania World Cup qualifying matches next year.

In the Spirit v Newcastle match the ball constantly bobbled on the uneven surface which is marred by large areas of sparse grass in the centre of the pitch.

Players also fell over at time son the surface.

Ironically, Arnold has also criticised the North Sydney surface in the past saying that it was too fast for good football.

This season the grass has been left longer in an attempt to hold the ball up.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

NEARLY 10,000 fans watched the opening round of the NSW Premier league.

Some said it would be a flop; others that the fans would stay away in droves.

Others predicted success.

Former national team coach Les Scheinflug (pictured) has even said that he thinks the national league should revert to a state based system with the champions playing in an end of season carnival.

But what do YOU think?

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Turning the Eagles nest into a fortress

TAM Finlayson knew he had a big job on his hands this season

He managed to remain upbeat after going down last weekend 4-1 to Blacktown City, still searching for the positives in his first season in charge of Parramatta Eagles first grade side

"We need to try and turn this ground into a fortress, somewhere that other teams don't want to visit," he said.

That wasn't evident against Blacktown as the Eagles defence looked threadbare, the midfield was impoverished and the forward line rarely got within coo-ee distance of a serious shot.

In fact, John Crawley didn't have much to do at all in the Blacktown goal except pick out a late one as the Eagles put some respectability into what was a dismal night for their large support base.

Melita Stadium was certainly a place that past teams feared so how does Finlayson get back that missing ingredient, is his club going to open the cheque book to sign key players?

"That won't happen," he says

"The money for players has been spent already

"I knew that from the start of the season so we have to get the best out of what we have."

However Finlayson does know what is ailing his side.

"You saw it against Blacktown," he said.

"The first twenty minutes was all them as they dominated and then we slowly ground our way back into it but unfortunately after they got their second goal in the second half our heads dropped.

"I've never seen so many heads drop.

"Iocca was certainly on fire (for Blacktown)

"Good luck to him, he got about six chances and put four in the back of the net."

Despite the fact that Blacktown City turned seemingly every chance into a goal Tam Finlayson is not using a 'just one of those games' line as the excuse for the big defeat

Instead he says there are plenty of things that Parramatta can work on to improve their lot.

"We'll sort things out," he says.

"The difference between us and Blacktown was that their movement off the ball was first class.

"They always had people running and always scoring.

"They kept their shape as well

"Quite often our front line and midfield were thirty yards apart.

"We also need someone to control the midfield.

"Conde didn't do that, whether it is the change in style of play from his club in Singapore or whether he needs more time to settle in, I don't know.

"But he has to control that passage."

These are obviously the details that Finlayson will have his side working on this week in training as they prepare for Friday night's away game to St George.

"The players have to show a lot more passion, lift their work rate and show some movement off the ball as Blacktown do," he says.

Finlayson is also aware that in a league of just ten teams points dropped are very hard to catch up, especially home points

He has talked to his team about making home wins secure, of turning Melita Stadium into a fortress.

The following week Parramatta host the Coasties at Melita Stadium and Finlayson knows that points from these games are imperative with an away match against Bonnyrigg in Round 5 looming up as another real test.

"The best thing is not to panic," Tam adds.

"The confidence is a bit down but we can work on that.

"We know what we have to do but it is important to start getting the points.

"There aren't going to be any easy games and we could find ourselves playing catch up soccer for the rest of the season."

For the Eagles the first step in re-building that home ground fortress starts on Friday—away to St George.

Simply put, a side which was rated amongst the early season favourites needs to pick up points—otherwise even home wins won't be enough.

South Melbourne appoint Shoulder and Hatcher in forward planning

THE South Melbourne Soccer Club has announced the appointments of Jim Shoulder as its European Coaching Director and Dennis Hatcher as its Club Strategic Planner.

In response to the Criteria for Admission to the 2001/2002 National Soccer League season that was released to the clubs last week by Soccer Australia, the Club has responded positively being meeting the challenges head on with these appointments.

"With the appointments of Jim Shoulder and Dennis Hatcher, we have two very experienced and highly credential people to assist the Club in not only meeting the Criteria for Admission as laid down by Soccer Australia, but by also further enhancing the reform process the Club has set in place over the past six months", said General Manager Damien Phillips.

"Although we aim to finish number one in the criteria assessment, more importantly we want to ensure that the current Youth and Development structure is firmly entrenched and highly successful both here in Australia and overseas, and that future direction of the Club off-field is expertly guided and set-up for the Club to remain the most dominant in Australian Soccer and in Australian sport in general for many years to come."

Shoulder has been brought to Melbourne by South Melbourne in conjunction with MVP Management to establish and oversee the technical program at the MVP Football Institute at South Melbourne.

He will work with the South Melbourne coaches and players for the next two months, and from January 2001 will divide his time between Melbourne and the UK.

Following a spell as a club coach in England with Sunderland and Darlington, he returned to Australia in 1981 to establish the world renowned Australian Institute of Sport football development program, the catalyst for the rapid growth of outstanding young Australian football talent now gracing European club football.

Throughout the 1990s he was Technical Director of the Football Association of Wales, coach of the Wales Youth and Under-21 teams, and assistant coach to the senior Wales team, where he has coached players such as Neville Southall, Mark Hughes, Ian Rush and Ryan Giggs

A FIFA and UEFA Instructor, Shoulder is currently employed by his own consultancy company

He continues as coach of the Wales Under-21 team, is part of Mark Hughes' coaching staff for the senior Wales team, and carries out coaching and development work for the FA of Wales and a number of clubs and football organisations around the world.

Hatcher on the other hand has been employed by the Club to assist in the Club's submission for the Criteria for Admission, as well as develop an overall strategic plan for the Club which will include a three-to-five year business plan and a marketing plan

Hatcher will also make recommendations to the Club regarding restructuring the Club's operations.

Since 1996 until recently, Hatcher was the Inaugural Director of the Northern Territory Institute of Sport and for two years prior he was a director and Principal Consultant with current Australian Cricket Board CEO Mal Speed at Strategic Sports and Recreation

As a sportsman Hatcher also represented Australia in rowing at the World Championships in 1978 and 1979

He has also been a member on various sports committees including the Australian Sports Council

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COKELY ON THE NSL

IN conversation with Alex Tobin (pictured) recently I asked if he agreed that high profile imported players should be expected to be amongst the top players in the league.

His answer was yes.

He felt that it was a reasonable expectation to have.

I then quizzed him about the reason for some of the more recent failures and his answer was, that imports can no longer come here from lower leagues and dominate.

"Those days are gone," he said.

So what has happened?

Are our local players now so much better, that imported players find it difficult to really dominate?

Last season Ian Rush, Dave McPherson, Peter Beardsley, Nicola Berti, and Stuart Slater were notable arrivals.

Of these only McPherson gave good value.

Of the lesser-known imports Stuart Young at Wollongong and Edgar at Perth Glory had good seasons.

I particularly enjoyed watching Young for his clever touches, intelligent use of space and no-fuss finishing.

By contrast Nicola Berti was bloated and fitted in to the Northern Spirit side like a mortice in a dovetail joint.

People said he needed more time to get to know the players.

Rubbish!

Ian Rush scored on his debut for Olympic and who remembers Kevin Keegan at Blacktown, Ian Wallace at Melbourne Knights, Alan Brazil at Wollongong, Davie Provan at Olympic and Washington Gonzalez at Penrith Uruguay; they all had an immediate impact.

The Wollongong City minor premier team of 1988 had no less than nine overseas born players, contrast that with Young and Masi at the Wolves in 2000 when they won the Grand Final.

Certainly from that kind of evidence it would seem that there are now more locally produced players of a high enough quality.

Enough even to supply about 200 players overseas and a competitive NSL at home.

Tobin's theory would seem to stand up on the evidence.

But somehow something is not quite right.

How can someone like Stuart Young be a successful player here and Nicola Berti a flop?

Is it desire, hunger, ambition?

Is it easier for relatively unknowns to slip in quietly while the big stars are heavily marked?

Is it that the relatively lower wages here only attract crocks and has-beens from overseas and people like Young with something to prove?

Certainly the number of knee braces at Carlton last season was a worry

So what of this year's crop of imports?

Two that have already caught the eye are Irishman Ben Burgess at Northern Spirit and Scot Joe Miller at Parramatta Power.

Burgess worked hard in isolation in Graham Arnold's latest aborted attempt at the Ajax system but then flourished with a hat trick when supported up front with Alex Moriera -two imports together!

Joe Miller looks like a throwback to the quality import of the '80s.

Against Brisbane and Newcastle he toyed with defenders

He has the ability to dribble to the left or the right, create space for himself and his deft passing to others often caught his own team-mates unawares.

The local players are obviously getting better but Imported players are still worth it, but perhaps clubs in the NSL should look more closely at the kind of import they buy and what their motives are for coming here.

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BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES DEFENDER JAMES WARBURTON

Barrett lashes 'foul mouthed' referee

PARRAMATTA Power fullback David Barrett, one of the most experienced players in the NSL, has blasted the on-field behaviour of referee David Rugg, as his side lost 3-2 at home to the Canberra Cosmos.

A 90th minute goal from Alex Castro gave the Cosmos a remarkable victory, but the win was a distant memory following Barrett's claims that New Zealander Rugg, swore at Parramatta players during the match.

Barrett said he was disgusted at the referee's behaviour and planned to take the matter up with the Players' Union.

"It's true we under-performed but the way that the referee addressed the players was disgraceful," Barrett informed the media after the game.

"It's something that I would like to take up with the players' union because I believe it's completely out of order.

"I know there needs to be respect there both ways but some of the swearing from the referee directed at players was something I've never come across before."

Player's Union official Andy Harper has said that if the complaint is made official then it is certainly something that the Union would look into.

He also expressed confidence that Soccer Australia Director of Referees Gary Power would handle the matter.

NSL ROUND 5 IN REVIEW .....

Mori scores magic century and a half

TWO of the National Soccer League's most decorated and most respected players, Perth Glory's Damian Mori and South Melbourne's Paul Trimboli, achieved significant goalscoring milestones over the weekend and in the process help their teams to important victories.

Mori scored the opening goal for Glory in their 3-2 win at Eastern Pride and thus becoming the first player to reach 150 NSL goals.

South captain Paul Trimboli became only the second player (behind Mori) to record 100 NSL goals for a single club, after scoring twice in his side's convincing 4-1 win over Melbourne Knights at Bob Jane Stadium.

The weekend's big clash between Sydney Olympic and Carlton at Belmore Sports Ground resulted in a 3-0 win for the home side that saw them move to the top of the table on goal difference.

Carlton's defender Dave McPherson was adjudged to have put the ball into his own net after just 11 minutes to start the rot for his side.

Kresimir Marusic put Olympic two up at the break, while George Goutzioulis sealed the comprehensive win with a 73rd minute strike.

Trimboli's double strike were both from the penalty spot in the first half that set South on the way to a comfortable win.

Two second half goals to Steve Panopoulos and Con Boutsianis had South four goals to the good before Toto Da Costa pulled a goal back for the Knights late in the game.

Mori was able to break a mini drought in front of goals with a goal after 36 minutes to give his side a 1-0 half time lead.

Two goals in three minutes shortly after the break to Shane Pryce and Brad Maloney had Perth looking set for a comfortable three points.

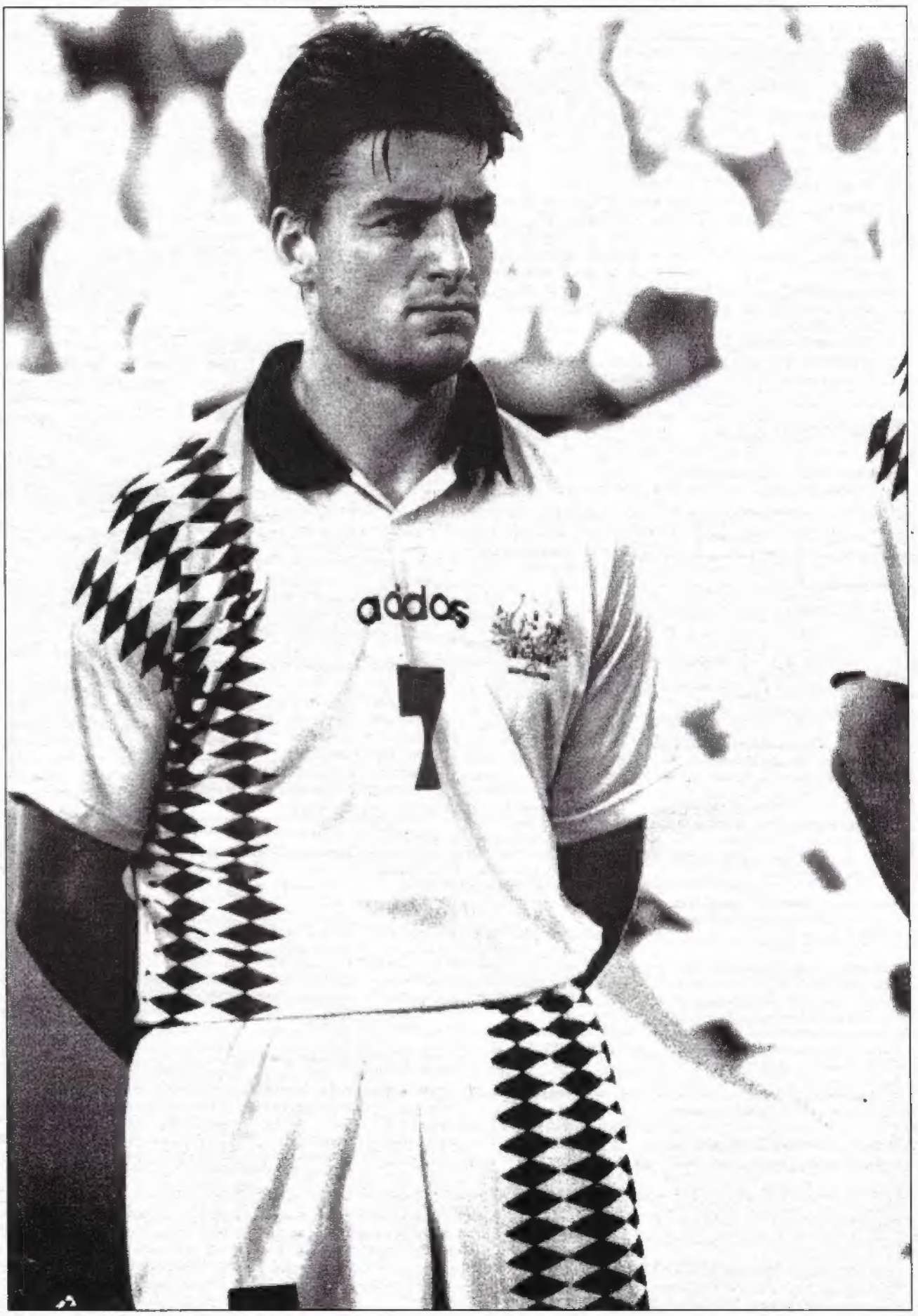
However Pride made a game of it soon after with two quick goals for the Wolves, while Wolves captain Matthew Horsley ensured a tense finish for the home side, heading into his own net with five minutes remaining.

Nothing could separate arch rivals Sydney United and Marconi Stallions at Sydney United Sports Centre, the match finishing 2-2.

Tom Pondeljak gave United the lead four minutes into the second half only for Raphael Bove to equalise straight away for Marconi.

Buddy Farah put Marconi ahead in the 73rd minute from the penalty spot, however United earned a point thanks a goal from captain Aytec Genc with ten minutes to go.

The final three games produced some upsets, with Gianluca Lagati scoring a late goal to give Adelaide City a 1-0 away win over the Kingz, Alex Castro scored a dramatic injury time winner to give Canberra a 3-2 win over Parramatta Power at Parramatta Stadium, while Newcastle United held Northern Spirit to a goalless draw at North Power Stadium in Gosford.



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Friday November 10
Kingz 0 Adelaide City 1
Eastern Pride 2 Perth Glory 3
Saturday 11 November
Northern Spirit 0 Newcastle United 0
Wollongong Wolves 2 Brisbane Strikers 1
Parramatta Power 2 Canberra Cosmos 3
Sunday 12 November
South Melbourne 4 Melbourne Knights 1
Sydney United 2 Marconi Stallions 2
Sydney Olympic 3 Carlton 0

THE HOT GUNS

Two significant goalscoring feats were achieved over the weekend with Perth Glory striker Damian Mori becoming the first player to score 150 NSL goals, while South Melbourne captain Paul Trimboli became only the second person to score 100 NSL goals for a single club.

Mori, who was the first to reach 100 goals for a single club (Adelaide City), scored the opening goal in Perth Glory's 3-2 win over Eastern Pride to reach the 150 goal milestone.

Trimboli, scored twice from the penalty spot in the first half, to make it 100 goals for his club South Melbourne, and lifted his team to a convincing 4-1 win over the Melbourne Knights.

5	THOMPSON	Archie Carlton
4	STEVENS	Tim Kingz FC
3	TRIMBOLI	Paul South Melbourne
3	GRIFFITHS	Joel Parramatta Power
3	YOUNG	Stuart Wollongong Wolves
3	ARAMBASIC	Zlatko Sydney United
3	AWARITEFE	Francis Sydney United
3	OWENS	Greg Sydney Olympic
3	BURGESS	Ben Northern Spirit
3	HASSELL	Bradley Adelaide City Force

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER NSW PREMIER LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Belconnen	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
2	Blacktown City	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
3	Bonnyrigg	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
4	St George	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
5	Canterbury Marrickville	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
6	Central Coast	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
7	Sutherland	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
8	Parramatta Eagles	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
9	Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	Penrith	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

SOCCER NSW PREMIER LEAGUE (Youth Grade)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Leichhardt	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
2	Belconnen	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
3	Central Coast	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
4	Canterbury Marrickville	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
5	Bonnyrigg	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
6	Parramatta	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
7	Sutherland	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
8	Blacktown City	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
9	Penrith	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
10	St George	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	QAS Sting	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
2	NSW Sapphires	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
3	Northern NSW Pride	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
4	SASI Pirates	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
5	Victoria Vision	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
6	ACTAS Canberra Eclipse	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Sydney Olympic	5	3	2	0	9	1	11
2	Wollongong Wolves	5	3	2	0	8	5	11
3	Sydney United	5	3	1	1	8	8	10
4	South Melbourne	5	2	2	1	9	5	8
5	Northern Spirit	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
6	Carlton	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
7	Marconi	5	2	2	1	6	4	8
8	Perth Glory	5	2	2	1	7	6	8
9	Canberra Cosmos	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
10	Kingz	5	2	0	3	9	9	6
11	Parramatta Power	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
12	Melbourne Knights	5	2	0	3	6	11	6
13	Adelaide City	5	2	0	3	6	11	6
14	Brisbane Strikers	5	1	1	3	7	9	4
15	Newcastle United	5	0	2	3	2	10	2
16	Eastern Pride	5	0	1	4	7	12	1

SOCCER BRIEFS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND 5
Friday November 10
Kingz 0 Adelaide City 1
Eastern Pride 2 Perth Glory 3
Saturday 11 November
Northern Spirit 0 Newcastle United 0
Wollongong Wolves 2 Brisbane Strikers 1
Parramatta Power 2 Canberra Cosmos 3
Sunday 12 November
South Melbourne 4 Melbourne Knights 1
Sydney United 2 Marconi Stallions 2
Sydney Olympic 3 Carlton 0

NSW Premier League

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 2
Friday 10 November
Leichhardt 0 St George 1*
* match abandoned second half due to flood light failure
Parramatta 1 Blacktown City 4
Saturday 11 November
Belconnen 2 Sutherland 0
Bonnyrigg 5 Penrith 1
Canterbury Marrickville 1 Central Coast 0

NSW PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND 2
Friday 10 November
Leichhardt 3 St George 0
Parramatta 2 Blacktown City 2
Saturday 11 November
Bonnyrigg 1 Penrith 0
Belconnen 2 Sutherland 1
Canterbury Marrickville 2 Central Coast 3

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Northern Div)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Northern Spirit	4	4	0	0	14	4	12
2	Marconi Stallions Youth	4	3	1	0	7	1	10
3	A.I.S.	4	3	0	1	7	3	9
4	Wollongong Wolves	3	2	1	0	7	0	7
5	Parramatta Power	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
6	Marconi Stallions Colts	4	2	0	2	12	4	6
7	Q.A.S.	5	2	0	3	10	15	6
8	Sydney Olympic Youth	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
9	N.S.W.I.S.	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
10	Sydney United	3	1	0	2	6	4	3
11	Newcastle United Youth	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
12	Canberra Cosmos	3	1	0	2	7	10	3
13	ACT Academy	4	0	0	4	3	17	3
14	Sydney Olympic Academy	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
15	Newcastle United Colts	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE
Friday 10 November

Parramatta Eagles 1 (Cummins 90m)
Blacktown City 4 (Iocca 16m, 57m, 61m & 67m)

Parramatta Eagles: Holmes, Borg, Chipps, Meilak, Reveley, Bazdaric (Kim 85), O'Shea, Cummins, Conde (Islas 64), Beldham (Delicata 70), Joseski
Blacktown City: Crawley, Yates, Gatt (Connolly 69), Willard, Sermanni (Dee 77), Langan, Mikoutski, Angievski, Racker (Donev 73), Brown, Iocca

Leichhardt 0
St George 1 (Petrovski 44m)
MATCH ABANDONED

Leichhardt: Anastasiadis, Macolino, Luksic, Galluzzo, Tomasevic, Bruni, Karavatakis, Borg, LaRocca, Adioski, Fuchs
St. George: Alogdellis, Petrovski, Kladis, Verrender, Maglis, Petratos, Alexiou, Kalantzis, Papageorgiou, Sevares, Zabetakis

Saturday 11 November

Bonnyrigg 5 (Hawrysiuk 38m & 78m, Gomez 45m & 62m, Mancino 87m)
Penrith 1 (El Ali 2m)

Bonnyrigg: Greco, Utjesenovic, Dragas, Devrimol, Mancino, Harding, Luff, Reid, Gomez, Hawrysiuk, Huseyin-Subs On: Van Bentum, De Andre
Cautions: Devrimol, Hawrysiuk, Mancino
Penrith: Necevski, Wright, A Driene, Cleary, Sciberras, M Driene, B Casserly, El Ali, Jones, Ackerley, Hinton-Subs On: Siciliano, Boyd, B Casserly
Cautions: Hinton, A Driene, B Casserly

Canterbury Marrickville 1 (Corbo 41m)
Central Coast 0

Canterbury Marrickville: Bello-Amigo, D'Alessandro, Collins, Mendes, Percy, Paradisis, Pelegrino (Fedele 80m), Nikas, Corbo (Christoforidis 55m), Kyriazopoulos, Wells
Cautions: D'Alessandro 68m, Wells 87m
Central Coast: Moore, Steele, Matthews, Hokin, Williams, Peatey, Cutler (Daley 84m), Ritchie, Knight, Leary (Northam 45m), Bym (Smith 72m).
Cautions: Ritchie 87m

Belconnen 2 (Lazzari 20m & 45m)
Sutherland 0

Belconnen: Giannasca, Manson, Cachia (Whittington 56m), Pietrukowski, Unwin, Mauro, Zamora, Langone (Schroder 73m), Lazzari (Jenkins 88m), Howarth, Julienne
Cautions: Howarth 74m, Zamora 77m
Sutherland: Farias, Judge, Pettenon, Robertson, Stajcic, Darvill, Baron (Trposki 56m), Donnelly (Spresian 75m), McDonald, Bard, Kanaan (McAusland 70m)

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday 10 November

Kingz FC 0
Adelaide City 1 (G Lagati 80')

Venue: Ericsson Stadium
Referee: Con Diomis
Attendance: 6,975
Cautions: T Stevens 36' H Ngata 39' C Jackson 57' B Hassell 25' A Kovacevic 36' I Karlovic 86'
Kingz FC: 20 Chris Marsh (gk) 2 Che Bunce 3 Aaran Lines (-56') 9 Paul Urlovic 11 Dennis Ibrahim 12 Harry Ngata 15 Ivan Vicelich 16 Lee Jones 21 Riki Van Steeden (-45') 25 Tim Stevens 30 Mark Burton (-69'). Substitutes 6 Chris Jackson (+56') 13 Jeff Campbell (+45') 18 Michael Cartwright (+69') 1 Julio Cuello (gk)
Adelaide City Force: 1 Adrian Cagalj (gk) 2 Gianluca Lagati (-80') 4 Ante Kovacevic 5 Fabrizio Bucciarelli (-88') 6 Louis Brain 8 Carl Veart 9 Nick Sabljak 11 Bradley Hassell 12 Scott Tunbridge 15 Lucas Pantelis 18 Ivan Karlovic. Substitutes 13 Kristian Rees (+80') 14 Aaron Goulding (+88') 23 Nick Budin 20 Daniel Godley (gk)

Eastern Pride 2 (D Watkins 60' J Hutchinson 66' pen)
Perth Glory 3 (D Mori 36' S Pryce 53' B Maloney 56')

Venue: Mobil Park
Referee: Gerry Connolly
Attendance: 1,846
Cautions: S Miller 70'
Eastern Pride: 1 Bojo Jevdjevic (gk) 2 Dean Fak 3 Manny Gotis 4 Dong Ki Kim 4 5 Ante Deak (-20') 6 Brian McNicol 8 Clayton Bell 11 John Hutchinson 12 Naum Sekulovski 17 Paul Wearne 18 Daniel Watkins (-83'). Substitutes 10 Robbie Puca (+20') 16 Ben Cassar 19 Adam Griffiths (+83')
Perth Glory: 1 Jason Petkovic (gk) 2 Robert Trajkovski 3 Jamie Harnwell 44 Ljubo Milicevic 5 Ante Deak (-20') 6 Gareth Naven (-59') 7 Scott Miller 8 Brad Maloney 10 Bobby Despotovski 15 Edgar Aldrighi Junior 16 Damian Mori (-83') 18 Shane Pryce . Substitutes 12 Peter Buljan (+83') 14 Dion Valle 19 John Carbone (+59') 20 Tony Franken (gk)

Saturday 11 November

Parramatta Power 2 (J Griffiths 30', 60')
Canberra Cosmos 3 (M Phillips 50' pen J Angelucci 64' A Castro 90')

Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Referee: Derek Rugg
Attendance: 3, 257
Cautions: A Clark 2'D Barrit 8' N Orlic 54' J Griffiths 60' A Elrich 78' J Angelucci 17' A Rakic 80'
Parramatta Power: 20 Les Pogliacomi (gk) 2 David Barrett 3 Ahmad Elrich 4 Nick Orlic 5 Alex Tobin 9 Joe Miller 10 Joel Griffiths 13 Milan Blagojevic (-84') 21 Hamilton Thorp (-61') 23 Andrew Clark (-68') 29 David Lee Substitutes 11 Steve Berry (+68') 17 Brendon Santalab (+84') 28 Peter Bennett (+61') 1 Andrew Crews (gk)
Canberra Cosmos: 20 Barney Smith (gk) 3 Toplica Popovich 6 Naoki Imaya 5 Nicholas Purdue 8 David Milin (-71') 9 Alex Castro 10 Jon Angelucci 11 David Arranz 15 Marcus Phillips 17 Robbie Hooker 19 Hiroshi Miyazawa Substitutes 13 Shane Lyons 18 Brad Scott 14 Andy Rakic (+71') 1 Angelo Konstantinou

Northern Spirit 0
Newcastle United 0

Venue: North Power Stadium
Referee: Perry Mur
Attendance: 6, 312
Cautions: J Mendez 18'
Northern Spirit: 20 Paul Henderson (gk) 2 Michael Cunico 3 Matthew Langdon 4 Matthew Bingley 6 Scott Thomas 8 Robbie Enes (-85') 9 Alex Moreira (-75') 10 Gabriel Mendez 11 Troy Cranney 12 Ben Burgess 30 Graham Arnold Substitutes 1 John Perosh 15 Tony Perinich (+75') 1 Simon Catanzaro 17 Paul Bilokapic (+85')
Newcastle United: 1 Bob Catlin (gk) 2 James Kemp 3 Paul Roberts 4 Chris Zoricich 5 Todd McManus 7 Travis Dodd 8 Mark Wilson (-85') 10 John Buonavoglia 11 Peter Tsekenis 13 Brad Wieczorek (-73') 19 Daniel McBreen (-79') Substitutes 14 Anthony Surgan (+79') 16 Vasko Trpcevski (+85') 20 Brad Swancott (gk) 21 Peter Juchniewicz (+73')

Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Young 31' pen, 77')
Brisbane Strikers 1 (M Horsley own goal 85')

Venue: WIN Stadium
Referee: Brett Hugo
Attendance: 4, 075
Cautions: S Chipperfield 42' P Grierson 86'
Wollongong Wolves: 1 Daniel Beltrame (gk) 2 George Souris 5 David Cervinski 6 Matt Horsley 7 Paul Reid 9 Saso Petrovski (-79') 10 Stuart Young 11 Scott Chipperfield 15 David Huxley (-82') 17 Ben Blake 23 Dino Mennillo Substitutes 4 Robert Stanton (+82) 13 George Nohra 14 Jay Lucas (+79) 20 Grant Barlow (gk)
Brisbane Strikers: 1 Daniel Duke (gk) 3 Shane Stefanutto 6 Peter Grierson 7 Russell Miner 8 Adam Webber 9 Paul Foster 10 Wayne Srhoj 11 Peter Dwyer (-65) 13 Stuart McLaren 14 Jade North 18 Nick Meredith Substitutes 5 Matthew Bell 16 Shane Smeltz (+65) 21 Lawrence Drake 20 Nathan Coe (gk)

Sunday 12 November

Sydney United 2 (T Pondeljak 49' A Genc 80')
Marconi Stallions 2 (R Bove 50' B Farah 73' pen)

Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre
Referee: Simon Micallef
Attendance: 6,825
Cautions: A Genc 34' B Hughes 73' B Renaud 30' D McDonald 56'
Sydney United: 1 Brett Hughes (gk) 2 Damien Foxe (-69') 3 Danny Burt 4 5 Richard Plesa 6 Vince Savoca 10 Nahuel Arrarte 11 Tom Pondeljak 15 Aytek Genc 17 Francis Awaritefe (-67') 18 Goran Talevski 21 Terry Palapanis Substitutes 8 Mark Silic (+69') 14 Kain Rastall 16 Commins Menapi (+67') 20 Steve Tolios (gk)
Marconi Stallions: 1 David Aceski (gk) 2 Chad Gibson 4 Angelo Costanzo 5 Dominic Longo 9 Norman Tome 10 John Maisano (-67') 11 Christian Care 12 Saso Radulovic (-45) 13 Raphael Bove 14 Buddy Farah 19 Brendan Renaud Substitutes 3 Mark Babic 8 Darren McDonald (+45') 15 Royce Brownlie (+67') 20 Michael Turnbull (gk)

Sydney Olympic 3 (D McPherson own goal 11' K Marusic 36' G Goutzioulis 73')
Carlton 0

Venue: Belmore Sports Ground
Referee: Matthew Breeze
Attendance: 6,643
Cautions: G Owens 51' G Goutzioulis 73' A Moric 77' S Horvat 31' A Marth 65' S Colosimo 76' D McPherson 77'
Sydney Olympic: 1 Clint Bolton (gk) 2 Sebastian Sinozic 4 Paul Kohler 5 Scott Baillie 6 Ante Juric 7 Kresimir Marusic (-63') 9 Mass Sarr (-67') 10 Troy Halpin 11 George Goutzioulis (-81') 14 Greg Owens 19 Nick Carle Substitutes 8 Ante Moric (+67') 12 Glenn Moore (+63') 26 Anthony Doumanis (+81') 20 John Karoubas (gk)
Carlton: 1 Dean Anastasiadis (gk) 2 Dave McPherson 4 Simon Colosimo 5 Sean Douglas 7 Robert Middleby 10 Lubo Lapsansky 11 Archie Thompson (-55') 14 John Markovski (-70') 16 David Terminello (-73') 18 Steve Horvat 21 Andrew Packer Substitutes 6 Andrew Marth (+55') 8 Mark Atkinson (+73') 17 Angelo Motsiopoulos (+70') 20 Steve Tilovski (gk)

South Melbourne 4 (Paul Trimboli 14' pen, 32' pen F Panopoulos 49' C Boutsianis 60')
Melbourne Knights 1 (T Da Costa 85')

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium
Referee: Jeremy Blaney
Attendance: 10,623
Cautions: T Boutsianis 32'M Petkovic 64' J Vukadin 13'
South Melbourne: Michael Petkovic (gk) 3 Fausto De Amicis 4 Mehmed Durakovic 6 David Clarkson (-82') 7 Steve Panopoulos (-82') 8 Vaughan Coveny (-57') 9 Paul Trimboli 10 Con Boutsianis 13 Andy Vlahos 16 Zeljko Susa 19 Patrick Kisnorbo Substitutes 11 John Anastasiadis (+57')12 Richie Alagich (+82')21 Massimo Murdocca (+82') 20 Chris Jones (gk)
Melbourne Knights: 20 David Acevski (gk) 3 Rod Vargas 4 Sasa Ognenovski 5 Jason Vukadin (-53') 7 Josip Kozic (-48') 8 Dragi Nastevski 9 Joel Porter 14 Paul Magdic 16 Alex Kiratzoglou 18 Andrew Vargas 22 Toto Da Costa. Substitutes 12 Michael Bosevski 11 Xhezair Sulemani (+48') 13 Antun Kovacic (+53') 29 Robert Graskoski (gk)

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

St GEORGE
First-Grade:
1. Stacy Alogdellis
2. George Maglis
3. Nick Boliantitis
4. Archileas Markopoulos
5. Michael Kladis
6. Simon Verrender
7. George Zabetakis
8. Bill Petrovski
9. Angelo Petratos
10. Leon Alexiou
11. Chris Kalantzis
13. Mirak Bacek
14. Mark Bariamis
15. Steve Papadopoulos
16. Alex Leris
17. Emmanuel Papageorgiou
18. Bradley Campbell
19. Daisuke Nakayama
21. Max Sevares
22. David O'Han
23. Jamie Danaskos
Coach: John Sentas

Under-19: 1. Murray Nelson 2. Bill Madonis 3. Mark Stavroulakis 4. Tim Jesus 5. Joe Lempriere 6. Paulo Oliveira 7. Misko Pokrajac 8. Mark Guerreiro 9. Mohamed El-Reda 10. Joe Dia 11. Stane Pokrajac 12. Robert Tassone 13. Peter Andriotis 26. Stewart Vella Coach: Ian Gillan

ST GEORGE SAINTS V PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Friday 17 November
St George Stadium
1st Grade Kick Off 8pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 6pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES
First Grade
1. Jason Holmes
2. Daniel Borg
3. Geoffrey Dwyer
4. Malcolm Meilak
5. Mark Reveley
6. Tom Bazdaric
7. Matthew O'Shea
8. Alex Trpkoski
9. Adam Anderson
10. Anthony Mittiga
11. Nikolce Joseski
12. George Wakim
13. Mauricio Islas
14. Stephen Chipps
15. Ben Delicata
16. Danial Cummins
17. Sung Jin Kim
18. Ballamodou Conde
22. Michael Xuereb
Coach: Tam Finlayson Asst Coach: John Calleja, Don Allan

Under-19 Ben Xerri Andrew Gaddes Nathan Spinks Robert Marangon Henry Schapers Simon Zahra Mark Lancaster Gregory Jackson Stephen Neligan Michael Sowato Michael Debono Alex Muscat Adam Mansueto Alioune Ndiaye Coach: Victor Ellul

CENTRAL COAST COASTIES
FIRST-GRADE:
1. Matthew Collitts
2. Mitchell Daley
3. Marcus Steele
4. Sean Matthews
5. Dane Hokin
6. Steve Cutler
7. Adam Peatey
8. Shane Knight
9. Nathan Byrn
10. Mick Williams
11. Peter Ritchie
12. Cal Roper
13. David Anderson
15. Peter Leary
18. Daniel Surridge
19. Stuart Sontag
22. Darren Moore
Coach: Dale Eggleton
Asst Coach: Andrew Ollier

Under-19: 1. Scott Horvat 2. Scott Jones 3. Nathan Carmody 4. Michael Cook 5. David Brewer 6. Reece Lewin 7. Mark Falzon 8. Justin Selkirk 9. Jason Donnelly Coach: John McClafferty

CENTRAL COAST COASTIES V LEICHHARDT TIGERS

Saturday 18 November
North Power Stadium
1st Grade Kick Off 7pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 5pm

LEICHHARDT TIGERS
First-Grade:
1. Shaun Woods
2. Fabio Macolino
3. Blago Milicevic
4. Richard Luksic
5. Michael Galluzzo
6. Vuko Tomasevic
7. Joe Bruni
8. James Stubbs-Mills
9. Steve Karavatakis
10. Matthew Borg
11. Sam La Rocca
12. Andrew Nicol
13. Andrew Falas
14. Zoki Adioski
15. Greg Fuchs
16. Tony Tesoro
17. Jason Lal
18. Daniel Ucchino
19. Andrew Nolan
20. Luke Tomic
21. John Paul Boutros
22. Joshua Bulgin
30. Con Anastasiadis
Coach: Les DeCelis

Under-19s: 1. Cameron Moore 2. Paul Nicolaou 3. Liam Cameron 4. Daniel Cunningham 5. Moussa Chahine 6. Joseph Clano 7. Daniel Coluccio 8. Tom Quilty 9. Michael O'Riley 10. Francesco Zarrella 11. Peter Talcevski 12. Josh De'Kelly 13. Robert Campagna 14. Mark Catelli

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES
First-Grade:
1. Fernando Greco
2. Sasha Utjesenovic
3. James Warburton
4. Borislav Dragas
5. Tayfun Devrimol
7. Javier Mancino
8. David Harding
9. Colin Luff
11. Johnny Ghisso
13. Robert Gomez
14. Leigh Gunn
15. Stewart Van Bentum
16. Michael Hawrysiuk
18. Rajko Mandic
22. David Reid
23. Devrim Huseyin
20. Trinity Allen
Coach: Doug Utjesenovic

Under-19: 2. Uros Vukelic 3. Daniel Kaluderovic 4. Garth Moring 5. Alex Arregin 6. Zeljko Gusa 7. Abraham Aroyan 8. Stavros Arzapitian 9. Daniel Borg 10. Darrell Fernandes 11. Bill Panoutsopoulos 12. Daniel McCann 13. Ryan O'Shea 14. Richard Minvielle 15. Daniel Koziow 16. Matthew Pearman Coach: Danny Blanusa

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES V CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE

Saturday 18 November
Serbian Centre
1st Grade Kick Off 7pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 5pm

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE
First-Grade:
41. Jose Belio Amigo
2. Michael Raeburn
3. Mark D'Alessandro
4. Greg Collins
5. Jose Mendes
6. Matthew Percy
7. Con Paradisis
8. Fernando Pelegrino
9. Steve Christoforidis
10. Jim Nikas
11. Angelo Markopoulos
12. Terry Sidiratos
13. Eric Mexis
14. Paul Gaffney
15. Adrian Molachino
16. Simon Fedele
17. Jim Corbo
18. John Kyriazopoulos
19. Scott Wells
1. Steve Angelov
Coach: Jim Patikas

Under-19: 1. Phillip Zabaks 2. Menelaos Kallianis 3. Con Tsiounis 4. Christos Dimitriou 5. Antony Mersiades 6. Arthur Kavgas 7. Andrew Vrahas 8. Marcelo Guerrero 9. Mark Baric 10. Scott Holmes 11. Bruno Silva 12. David Cavaco 13. Evan Hatziantoniou 14. Matias Gulle 15. Themis Kalathas 16. Jonathan Vavasis 20. Tristan Tulloch Coach: George Meglis

BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS
First-Grade:
1. Tony Giannasca
2. Scott Manson
3. Matt Cachia
4. Lee Pietrukowski
5. Craig Unwin
6. Jaime Mauro
7. Oscar Zamora
8. Leo Langone
9. Steve Lazzari
10. George Cattanach
11. Geoff Howarth
12. Robert Schroder
13. Josh Whittington
14. John Rakic
15. Mark Jenkins
18. Matt Julienne
20. Chris Freeman
Coach: Lino Fiorese

Under-19: 1. Chris Freeman 2. Greg Ralston 3. Karl Varley 4. Edward Harris 5. Sam Mehr 6. Trent Exposito 7. Seb Rizzo 8. Richard Pietrukowski 9. Michael Percival 10. Clinton Larfield 11. Brad Smith 12. David Selby 13. Simon Lloyd 14. Steve Lee 20. Michael Thomsen 21. Rhys Turner Coach: Paul Ontong

BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS V BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

Saturday 18 November
West Belconnen Sports Ground
1st Grade Kick Off 6.30pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 4.30pm

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS
1. John Crawley
2. Paul Yates
3. Jason Connolly
4. Peter Sermanni
5. Chris Bradley
6. Damon Langan
7. Paul Dee
8. Mark Racker
9. Jim Aschner
10. Vadim Mikoutski
11. Damien Brown
12. Zlatko Donev
13. Steve Riches
14. Ben Willard
15. Joshua Maguire
16. Patrick Gatt
18. Adam Kwasnik
19. Robert Angievski
Coach: Brian Brown

Under-19: 20. James Wilkinson 21. Brett Mason 22. Ryan Noble 23 Feruccio Hanza 24. Steve Baveas 25. Chad Lewis 26. Roger Galayini 27. Gokhan Ada 40. Kurt Van Arkells
Coach: Tom McMorrow

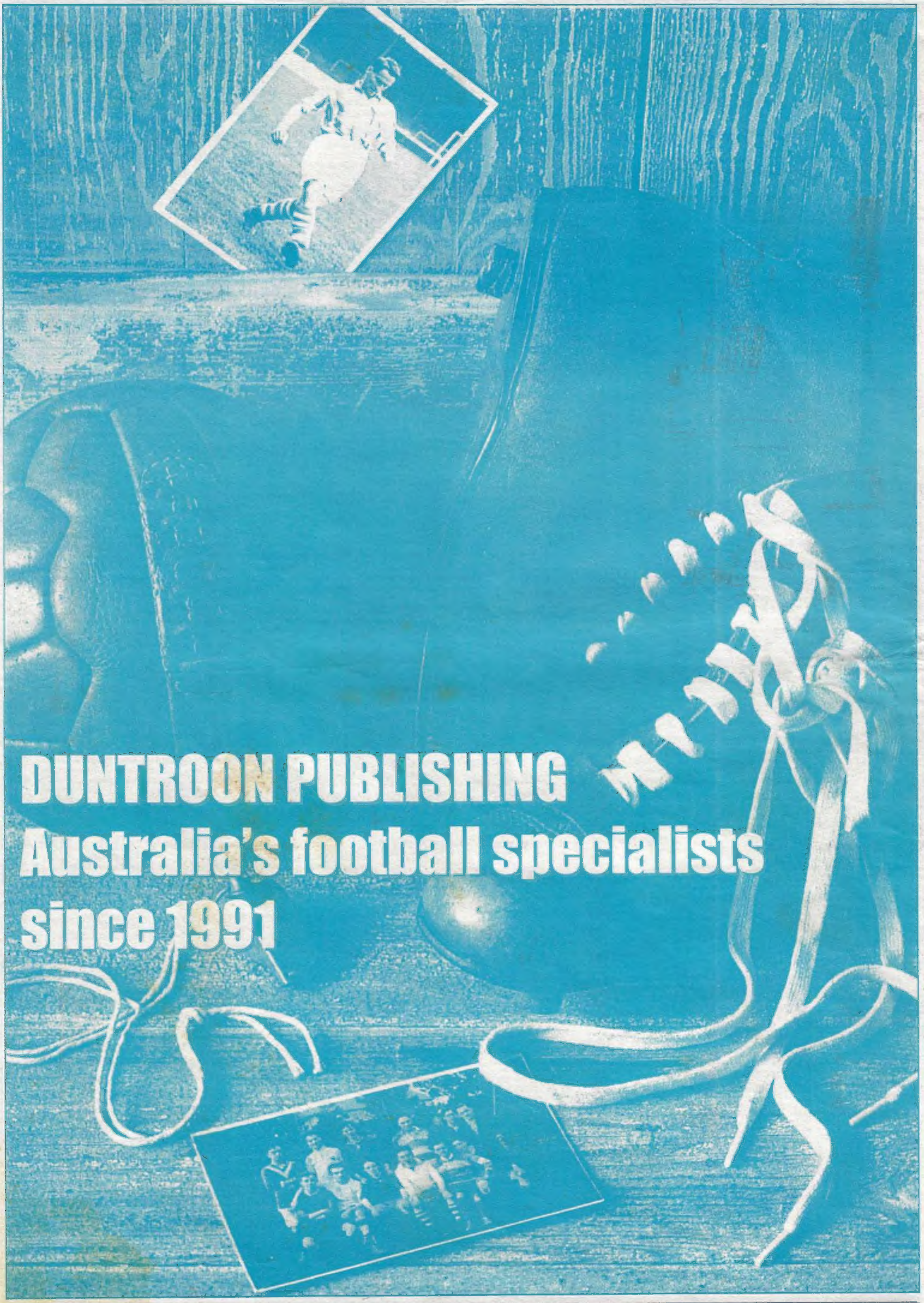
PENRITH PANTHERS
First-Grade:
22. Ivan Necevski
2. Paul Cleary
3. Steve Sweeney
4. Kaan Davies
5. Ben Wright
6. Jason Sciberras
7. Bob Casserly
8. Ryan Jones
9. Danny Hinton
10. Martin Driene
11. Chris Ackerley
12. Simon Casserly
13. Scott Ashton
14. Shane Hammond
15. Anthony Driene
16. Jon Hawkins
17. Sandro Borsato
19. Con Siciliano
20. Osvaldo El Ali
21. Alan Worobiej
24. Chad Taylor
Luke Boyd
Dave Gardiner
Tim O'Connell
Coach: Stan Ackerley
Under-19: 1. Chad Taylor 2. Gus Orcajo 3. Dale Fillingham 4. Daniel Wells 5. Shannon King 6. Mark Mijas 7. David Gardiner 8. Craig Speechley 9. Omar Makki 10. Luke Boyd 11. Tim O'Connell 12. Naj Haddid 13. Jason Sciberras 14. Simon Emmanuel 15. Matthew Sutton 17. Brett Eldridge 18. Scott Tyrrell 23. Owen Rogers Coach: Jose D'Jalo

PENRITH PANTHERS V SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Saturday 18 November
Andrews Road Park
1st Grade Kick Off 7pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 5pm

SUTHERLAND
First-Grade:
1. Dennes Olla
2. Jeremy Pettenon
3. Dejan Ristovski
4. Tony Judge
5. Alan Stajcic
6. Sean Robertson
7. Paul Donnelly
8. Jason Baron
9. Pat Darvill
10. Grant Bard
11. Ahmed Ibrahim
12. Grant McDonald
13. Leigh Magri
14. Kris Karanasos
Coach: Billy McColl

Under-19: 1. Timothy Mitchell 2. Ben Kaznik 3. Scott Allison 4. Nathan Trajcevski 5. Stuart Southall 6. Ray Kelly 7. Andrew Wales 8. Chris Velovski 9. Mathew Toogood 10. Mathew Parker 11. Mathew Said 12. George Golouzis 13. Kris Karanasos 14. Marino Musumeci 15. Carlo Musumeci 16. Sefer Yildiz Coach: Alex Baird



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